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COMMISSION DECISION

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to adopt the Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme for the cooperation period 2021-2025

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 220(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) A Memorandum of Understanding¹ between the European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme was signed on 25 April 2014. Through this Memorandum of Understanding – which does not create any legally binding obligations between the partners – the two sides express their intention to enhance their collaboration in common areas of interest related to sustainable development and poverty eradication, including through dialogues on related policy matters at global, regional, sub-regional and national levels as appropriate.
- (2) The specific areas for dialogue and cooperation are spelt out in an Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding.
- (3) The Memorandum of Understanding stipulates that the partners will review the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding at regular intervals and that the partners may amend the Memorandum of Understanding, including any Annex thereto, by mutual written agreement, which is to be appended to the Memorandum of Understanding and will become an integral part of it.
- (4) The current Annex² was agreed between the European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme on 27 April 2015. It identifies common areas for consolidated or enhanced dialogue and cooperation between the European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 2015-2020.
- (5) The European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme have discussed common areas for the cooperation period 2021-2025 and have agreed on a draft new Annex as an outcome of the High Level Meeting held in March 2020.
- (6) The new Annex, covering the cooperation period 2021-2025, should therefore be adopted by the European Commission.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/environment/international_issues/pdf/com_unep_mou_final.pdf

² https://ec.europa.eu/environment/international_issues/pdf/ec-unep_mou_annex.pdf

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme for the cooperation period 2021-2025, attached to this Decision, is adopted.

Article 2

The Director-General of the Directorate-General for Environment is instructed to notify this Decision to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Done at Brussels, 4.2.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission