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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002¹, and in particular Article 54(2) and 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 54(2)(a) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 foresees that, by way of derogation from Article 54(1) of that Regulation, appropriations for pilot projects of an experimental nature designed to test the feasibility of an action and its usefulness may be implemented without a basic act provided the actions which they are intended to finance fall within the competences of the Union.
- (2) In the European Union budget for 2017, the Budgetary Authority allocated EUR 500 000 for a pilot project entitled "Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees".
- (3) In the European Union budget for 2018, the Budgetary Authority allocated EUR 750 000 for the same pilot project entitled "Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees".
- (4) In order to ensure the implementation of the pilot project, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and the work programme for 2017 and 2018. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012² establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (5) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *The work programme*

The annual work programme for the implementation of the pilot project "Environmental monitoring of pesticide use through honeybees" for 2017 and 2018, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the pilot project for 2017 and 2018 is set at EUR 1 250 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

for 2017 - budget line 07 02 77 38 : EUR 500 000,

for 2018 - budget line 17 04 77 06 : EUR 750 000.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2018 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2017

For the Commission
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