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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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


Having regard to the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The objectives pursued by the annual action programme to be financed under the Partnership Instrument are to advance and promote Union and mutual interests through cooperation with third countries. The Commission has adopted an Implementing Decision on the second Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Partnership Instrument for the period 2018-2020. In line with the Multiannual Indicative Programme, this annual action programme includes measures in the following areas: support for the Union’s cooperation partnership strategies, cooperation on global challenges, implementation of the international dimension of the "Europe 2020" strategy and promotion of the Union’s internal policies abroad, support for economic and trade relations as well as promotion of the Union’s values and interests;

(2) The 2018 Partnership Instrument AAP should now be adapted by the adoption of a Phase II amendment, which includes four new actions to be included in the existing AAP.

(3) The action entitled "EU-South East Asia cooperation on mitigating Climate Change impact from Civil Aviation (EU-SEA CCCA)" aims to address aviation emissions in South East Asia. The action will be implemented in indirect management with an EU agency, notably the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA);

2 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95
4 C(2018) 4001
The action entitled "International Urban Cooperation – IUC (Additional Funding and Extension of the Implementation Period)" aims to complement the first phase of IUC Programme in order to strengthen the city-to-city cooperation in the fields of sustainable urban development and sustainable energy cooperation, and to support the development and operationalisation of the Partnership for Smart and Sustainable Urbanisation for India and the EU. The action will be implemented in direct management through the procurement of services;

The action entitled "Working Together to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)" in the Latin American region aims at engaging with selected partner countries and International Organisations, in the fight against Antimicrobial Resistance. The action will be implemented in indirect management with international organisations, notably the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE);

The action entitled "EU-China (Asia) action on Consumer protection and non-food product safety" aims to enhance cooperation between the EU and Asian countries, in particular China, on consumer protection and product safety. The action will be implemented in direct management through the procurement of services;

The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

The Commission should entrust budget-implementation tasks under indirect management to the entities specified in the Annexes 20 and 22 to this Decision, subject to the conclusion of delegation agreements.

The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Partnership Instrument Committee established under Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 234/2014;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Sole Article**

Commission Implementing Decision C(2018/)4074 of 4.7.2018 on the 2018 Partnership Instrument Annual Action Programme for cooperation with third countries to be financed from the general budget of the European Union is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 1, first paragraph, after the words "Annual Action Programme", the following words are added: "(Phase I and Phase II)".

(2) In Article 1, at the end of second paragraph, the following words are added: "– Annex 20: EU-South East Asia cooperation on mitigating Climate Change impact from Civil Aviation (EU-SEA CCCA)
– Annex 22: Working Together to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
– Annex 23: EU-China (Asia) action on Consumer protection and non-food product safety".

(3) In Article 2, first paragraph, the words "EUR 81,900,000" are replaced by the following: "EUR 108 800 000".
(4) In Article 3, first paragraph, the words "1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9" are replaced by the following: "1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20 and 22".

(5) After Annex 19, Annexes 20, 21, 22 and 23 to this Decision are added.

Done at Brussels, 27.11.2018

For the Commission
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