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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 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to 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 action², and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The objectives pursued by the individual measure to be financed under the Partnership Instrument³ are to advance the EU and Indonesia's engagement to implement the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and to strengthen the EU’s role in its international efforts on biodiversity protection, sustainable management and trade of wildlife. The measure will thereby contribute to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 15, the EU Biodiversity Strategy and EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking.

(2) The action entitled 'Enhancing cooperation with Indonesia on trade in wildlife products' aims to step up cooperation with Indonesia in the definition and realisation of its practises towards the implementation of existing and emerging commitments and requirements of CITES before and after the next Conference Of Parties (COP18).

(3) It is necessary to adopt a financing decision the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012⁴.

(4) 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.

(5) The measure provided for this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1
² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95
and the Partnership Instrument Committee established under Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 234/2014 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Adoption of the measure
The Commission decision on the 2018 Partnership Instrument individual measure as set out in the Annex, is adopted.
The measure shall include the following action ‘Enhancing cooperation with Indonesia on trade in wildlife products’.

Article 2
Financial contribution
The maximum contribution of the European Union for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 3,000,000 and shall be financed from budget line 19.0501 of the general budget of the European Union for 2018.
The financial contribution provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Methods of implementation
The elements required by Article 94(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 4
Non-substantial changes
Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.
The authorising officer responsible may adopt such non-substantial changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 16.4.2018

For the Commission
Federica Mogherini
Vice-President