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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2012/C 198/06<sup>1</sup> established an expert group on effective ways of investing in health ('the panel'), in order to provide the Commission with independent and multisectoral advice on effective ways of investing in health. Pursuant to Article 6 of that Decision, it is to apply until 1 October 2015.
- (2) The advice provided so far by the panel has proven to be an effective tool for generating and dissemination of health information and knowledge, thereby contributing to the attainment of the objectives of the second programme of 'Community action in the field of health (2008-13)' established by Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.<sup>2</sup>
- (3) Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>3</sup> established the third multi-annual programme for the Union's action in the field of health for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020 ("the Programme"). Pursuant to Article 3(3) of that Regulation, one of the objectives of the Programme is to support public health capacity-building and contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems. As laid down in Article 4 of that Regulation, read in conjunction with point 3.4 of its Annex, this objective is to be achieved by, among others, setting up a mechanism for pooling expertise at Union level, to provide to Member States sound and evidence-based advice on effective and efficient investment and innovation in public health and health systems.
- (4) The panel is best placed to serve as a mechanism for pooling expertise at Union level and providing advice thus contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems, as laid down in the Programme. It is essential that the expert panel be able to carry out this function.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 3(4) of Decision 2012/C 198/06, members of the panel are to be appointed for three years. As the current appointment period will come to an end in May 2016, the period of application of the Decision should be extended so as to allow

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Decision of 5 July 2012 on setting up a multisectoral and independent expert panel to provide advice on effective ways of investing in health (OJ C 198, 6.7.2012, p. 7).

<sup>2</sup> Decision No 1350/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2007 establishing a second programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-13) (OJ L 301, 20.11.2007, p. 3).

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the establishment of a third Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1350/2007/EC (OJ L 86, 21.3.2014, p. 1).

the panel to function during at least the next appointment period. Therefore, the period of application of Decision 2012/C 198/06 should be extended until 1 October 2019,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Article 6 of Decision 2012/C198/06 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 6*

*Applicability*

This Decision shall apply until 1 October 2019.'

Done at Brussels, 30.9.2015

*For the Commission*

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