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**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2017) 7156 of 31.10.2017<sup>3</sup>, the Commission adopted an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2017.
- (2) By its Decision C(2018) 6695 of 16.10.2018<sup>4</sup>, the Commission adopted an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2018.
- (3) By its Decision C(2019) 6531 of 16.9.2019<sup>5</sup>, the Commission adopted an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2019.
- (4) The Turkish Cypriot community has been hard hit by the economic crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic and EU financial assistance could help avoiding a deep and protracted socio-economic crisis, which could negatively affect the prospects of settlement. Accordingly, some parts of the Action Programmes for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 should be adapted to address the identified key and urgent needs and to ensure the most efficient use of available resources. This could be achieved through a mix of measures including financial support to small and medium size businesses,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 5.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 191, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 7156 of 31 October 2017 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2017.

<sup>4</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 6695 of 16 October 2018 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2018.

<sup>5</sup> Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 6531 of 16 September 2019 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2019.

business reform measures, and job creation through investments in energy efficiency infrastructure.

- (5) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decisions C(2017) 7156, C(2018) 6695 and C(2019) 6531 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>6</sup>.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision do not fall into those for which the opinion of the IPA II Committee referred to in Article 13(2) of the Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)<sup>7</sup> is required. The Commission shall inform the IPA II Committee no later than one week after this decision is adopted.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2017) 7156 of 31.10.2017 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2017 is amended as follows:

The Annex is amended as set out in Annex I to this Decision.

*Article 2*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 6695 of 16.10.2018 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2018 is amended as follows:

The Annex is amended as set out in Annex II to this Decision.

*Article 3*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 6531 of 16.9.2019 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2019 is amended as follows:

The Annex is amended as set out in Annex III to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 27.7.2020

*For the Commission*

*Elisa FERREIRA*

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>6</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>7</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11-26.