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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/743/EU of 3 December 2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular section 3 of Annex I thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) The Horizon 2020 Framework Programme may be implemented through public-private partnerships in the form of contractual arrangements between the partners committed to supporting the development and implementation of research and innovation activities of strategic importance to the Union's competitiveness and industrial leadership.
- (2) The specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 has identified potential areas for establishing public-private partnerships.
- (3) In its Communication *Public-private partnerships in Horizon 2020: a powerful tool to deliver on innovation and growth in Europe*<sup>3</sup>, the Commission presented suitable areas for potential public-private partnerships based on contractual arrangements and the steps to be taken before they are launched.
- (4) The Commission services, assisted by independent experts, have assessed the stakeholder organisation's proposal in the area of cybersecurity received on 18 April 2016 as fulfilling the criteria in Article 25(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 and therefore identified it as suitable for a public-private partnership.
- (5) For the implementation of this partnership, a contractual arrangement between the European Union, represented by the Commission, and the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) association should be signed that sets out the scope and content of reinforced cooperation between the partners. It should specify the objectives of the

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision (EU) No 743/2013 establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon 2020 — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decisions 2006/971/EC, 2006/972/EC, 2006/973/EC, 2006/974/EC and 2006/975/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 965).

<sup>3</sup> COM(2013) 49.

partnership, the commitments of the partners, the key performance indicators and the outputs to be delivered, including private-side support for the identification of research and innovation activities to be proposed for funding under Horizon 2020.

- (6) The Horizon 2020 budget to support this partnership should be implemented through the work programme, in accordance with Horizon 2020 rules. In this context, the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) association should provide specific input and advice to the Commission to achieve the objectives of the partnership, in particular to contribute to identifying research and innovation activities for the Horizon 2020 work programmes, in a way that complements the advisory structures referred to in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013.
- (7) The Commission will regularly monitor the progress of this partnership and will report in the context of the Horizon 2020 monitoring activities provided for in Article 31 of Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The contractual arrangement, as set out in the Annex, on a public-private partnership for cybersecurity industrial research and innovation between the European Union, represented by the Commission, and the stakeholder organisation represented by the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) association is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

The Member of the Commission in charge of the Digital Economy & Society (or his designated representative) is authorised to sign the contractual arrangement on behalf of the Commission and, after consulting the Legal Service, the Directorate-General for Budget as well as any other department with a legitimate interest, any later amendments to it.

*Article 3*

The Director-General for Communication Networks, Content and Technology is charged with implementing the contractual arrangement. He may delegate this task to a Director.

Done at Brussels, 5.7.2016

*For the Commission*

*Andrus Ansip  
Vice President*