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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Decision (EU) 2020/701 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 2020 on providing macro-financial assistance to enlargement and neighbourhood partners in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic¹, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

After consulting the Committee on Macro-financial assistance,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision (EU) 2020/701 provides for European Union macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Tunisia of up to EUR 600 million in the form of loans, with a view to supporting the Republic of Tunisia's economic stabilisation and reforms.
- (2) The Commission services and the Tunisian authorities have agreed on economic conditions of the assistance; these conditions are laid down in a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The economic policy and financial conditions set out in the MoU are consistent with the agreements or understandings referred to in Article 1(3) of Decision (EU) 2020/701, including the macro-economic adjustment and structural reform programmes implemented by the Republic of Tunisia, with the support of the International Monetary Fund.
- (3) The MoU should be approved on behalf of the European Union.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 3(1) of Decision (EU) 2020/701.
- (5) An operational assessment of the financial circuits and administrative procedures related to public finance management in the Republic of Tunisia was carried out in June 2020. Based on the results of this assessment, the European Commission considers that the procedures in place in the beneficiary country for the management of programme assistance, including macro-financial assistance, provide sufficient guarantees.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Memorandum of Understanding between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia on Macro-Financial Assistance for the Republic of Tunisia is approved on behalf of the European Union.

The text of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached to this implementing Decision.

¹ OJ L 165, 27.5.2020 p. 31-37.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of adoption.

Done at Brussels, 23.11.2020

For the Commission
Paolo GENTILONI
Member of the Commission