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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility¹, and in particular Article 20(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, the specific objective of the Recovery and Resilience Facility should be to provide Member States with financial support with a view to achieving the milestones and targets of reforms and investments as set out in their recovery and resilience plans.
- (2) Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain² (the ‘Council Implementing Decision’) provides that the Union should release instalments in accordance with the financing agreement conditional on, *inter alia*, a decision by the Commission, taken in accordance with Article 24 of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, that Spain has satisfactorily fulfilled the relevant milestones and targets identified in relation to the implementation of the recovery and resilience plan.
- (3) In accordance with Article 20(6) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, after the adoption of the Council Implementing Decision, the Commission services and Spain have agreed operational arrangements specifying the arrangements and timetable for monitoring and implementation, the relevant indicators relating to the fulfilment of the envisaged milestones and targets, and the arrangements for providing full access by the Commission to the underlying data.
- (4) According to Article 24(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/241, such operational arrangements are to be taken into account by the Commission for the purpose of the assessment whether the relevant milestones and targets set out in the Council Implementing Decision have been satisfactorily fulfilled.
- (5) The operational arrangements between the Commission and Spain should therefore be approved,

¹ OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17.

² ST 10150/21; ST 10150/21 ADD 1 REV 2, not yet published.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

1. The operational arrangements pursuant to Article 20(6) of Council Regulation (EU) 2021/241 between the Commission and the Kingdom of Spain, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, are approved.
2. The operational arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 shall be signed by the Member of the Commission with responsibility for the Economy.

Done at Brussels, 29.10.2021

For the Commission
Valdis DOMBROVSKIS
Executive Vice-President