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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)² and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C(2022) 9162 of 5 December 2022, the Commission adopted the financing of the Annual action plan in favour of Montenegro for 2022 including three actions, notably ‘EU for Public Administration Reform’, ‘EU Integration Facility’ and ‘Budget Support for Integrated Border Management’.
- (2) It is necessary to modify the action ‘EU for Public Administration Reform’, Annex II and to increase the budget support component by EUR 2.6 million in order to strengthen human resource management related aspects to build administrative capacities for efficient absorption and management of EU funds in the two pilot sectors Environment & Climate Change and Employment & Social Policy.
- (3) It is necessary to reallocate funds between procurements and grants within the action ‘EU Integration Facility’ set out in Annex III in order to respond to the need of Montenegro specifically related to alignment with the EU acquis .
- (4) Therefore, Decision C(2022) 9162 should be amended accordingly.
- (5) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (6) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee,

¹ OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529/oj>.

³ 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2022) 9162 is amended as follows:

Article 2 is replaced by the following:

*‘Article 2
Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 40 320 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15.020101.01 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.’

Annexes II and III are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 26.11.2024

*For the Commission,
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission*