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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 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action¹ and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002² and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Special Measure on education, health, municipal infrastructure and socio-economic support to refugees in Turkey, to be financed from the General Budget of the European Union for the years 2016 and 2017, was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2016) 4999 of 28.7.2016.
- (2) Appropriate adaptations to the Special Measure are now necessary in order to take into account a number of changes in circumstances.
- (3) The KfW Entwicklungsbank (KfW) and the European Investment Bank (EIB), entities chosen for the implementation of Action 4 (Municipal Infrastructure) of the Special Measure, are not able to sign the intended Delegation Agreements.
- (4) It is therefore necessary to dismiss Action "Municipal infrastructure" of the Special Measure and to reassign the concerned budget to other Actions of the Special Measure.
- (5) It is necessary to increase support for the renewal and modernisation of existing workshops of the formal Technical and Vocational Education (TVET) High Schools under Action "Socio-economic support" of the Special Measure. The overall budget of that Action should be increased to EUR 105 million.
- (6) At the request of the Turkish authorities it is appropriate to include the provision of additional schools under Action "Education Infrastructure" of the Special Measure. The overall budget of that Action should be increased to EUR 405 million.

¹ OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p.1.

- (7) Under Action "Health Infrastructure" of the Special Measure, available funds should be used to match the budgetary needs for the effective construction of Hatay Hospital. The overall budget of that Action should be increased to EUR 90 million.
- (8) The maximum amount of the European Union contribution does not change as a result of this Decision.
- (9) Implementing Decision C(2016) 4999 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) It is necessary to adopt an amended financing decision, the detailed rules of which are set out in Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.³
- (11) The amendments proposed by this Decision shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the IPA II Committee set up by Article 13 of 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)⁴ within one month of their adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex to Implementing Decision C(2016) 4999 of 28.7.2016 adopting a Special Measure on education, health, municipal infrastructure and socio-economic support to refugees in Turkey, to be financed from the General Budget of the European Union for the years 2016 and 2017, is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 13.12.2017

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1).

⁴ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 11.