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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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to the Energy Charter Treaty - Article 37(3) thereof, approved by Council and Commission Decision 98/181/EC, ECSC, EURATOM of 23 September 1997 on the conclusion, by the European Communities, of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects²,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (Euratom) No 302/2005 of 8 February 2005 on the application of Euratom safeguards, and the tasks resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Euratom Treaty under Chapters III and VII and Article 174 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of general actions in the area of energy, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2019. Article 110 of the Financial Regulation establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (3) Article 58(1)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1046/2018 provides that appropriations for actions carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level under the TFEU or Euratom Treaty may be implemented without a basic act.
- (4) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) FR 1046/2018.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 69, 9.3.1998

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the general actions in the area of energy for 2019, as set out in the Annex is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 is set at EUR 26 410 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2019:

- (a) budget line 32.0202 Support activities to the European energy policy and internal energy market : EUR 5 410 000;
- (b) budget line 32.0301 Nuclear safeguards : EUR 19 000 000;
- (c) budget line 32.0302 Nuclear safety and protection against radiation: EUR 2 000 000;

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations: provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2019, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 4
Adjustment clause

The contribution as referred to in Article 2 may be adjusted to the amount of appropriations decided by the budgetary authority in the general budget of the Union for year 2019 if the change does not exceed 20%.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to in point 1.2 of the Annex, in accordance with the conditions set out therein.

Done at Brussels, 12.12.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

