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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

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

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 2020. Article 110 of the Financial Regulation establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (3) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (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.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

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 2020, as set out in the Annex is adopted.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 27 098 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2020:

- (a) budget line 32.0202 Support activities to the European energy policy and internal energy market : EUR 5 618 000;
- (b) budget line 32.0301 Nuclear safeguards : EUR 17 900 000;
- (c) budget line 32.0302 Nuclear safety and protection against radiation: EUR 3 580 000,

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 2020, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

*Article 3*  
*Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4 of that Annex.

*Article 4*  
*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.

Done at Brussels, 22.10.2019

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

