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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Directive 2005/89/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2006 concerning measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment - Article 4-5 (OJ L 33, 4.2.2006, p. 22–27)

Having regard to Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources – Article 18(4) (OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 16–62),

Having regard to Directive 2009/72/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity - Article 3, 4, 24-31, 47 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 55),

Having regard to Directive 2009/73/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas - Article 3, 5, 24-31, 52 (OJ L 211, 14.8.2009, p. 94),

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/119/EC of 14 September 2009 imposing an obligation on Member States to maintain minimum stocks of crude oil and/or petroleum products – Article 22 (OJ L 265, 9.10.2009, p. 9),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply - Article 14 (OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 1),

Having regard to Directive 2013/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 on safety of offshore oil and gas operations – Article 27, 41 (OJ L 178, 28.6.2013, p. 66–106),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility – Article 15(2) (OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129),

Having regard to the Energy Charter Treaty, and in particular 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 aspects - (OJ L 69, 9.3.1998, p. 1),

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the general actions in the area of energy for the year 2015, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision as well as a corresponding work programme,

- (2) Given that the 2015 work programme contains the information specified in Article 94(2) of the Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, the decision adopting it constitutes itself a financing decision,
- (3) Article 54(2)(d) of the Financial Regulation 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 the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,
- (5) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012,
- (6) Grants and contracts relating to specific programmes are the subject of separate work programmes adopted by the Commission and serving as financing decisions,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The work programme in the field of energy for 2015, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 966/2012.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2015 is set at EUR 5 304 000, and shall be financed from the following lines of the general budget of the European Union for 2015:

- (a) budget line 32.0202 Support activities for the European energy policy and internal energy market: EUR 4 998 000,
- (b) budget line 32.0203 Security of energy installations and infrastructure: EUR 306 000.

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 budget for 2015 after the adoption of the budget for 2015 by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

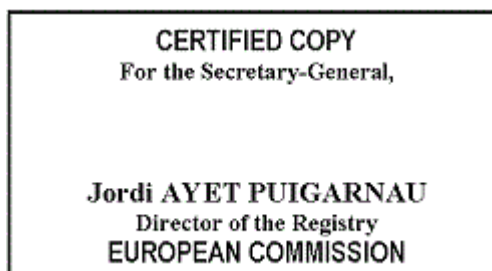
Cumulated changes<sup>1</sup> to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and 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 adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 23.10.2014

*For the Commission*

*Vice-President*



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<sup>1</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.