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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) 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 Union¹, and in particular Articles 84(2) and 54(2)(d) thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2964/95 of 20 December 1995 introducing registration for crude oil imports and deliveries in the Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 1999/280/EC of 22 April 1999 regarding a Community procedure for information and consultation on crude oil supply costs and the consumer prices of petroleum products,

Having regard to Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 on the financing of European standardisation,

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,

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,

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,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 714/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 617/2010 of 24 June 2010 concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure within the European Union,

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,

Having regard to Directive 2012/27/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 25 October 2012 on energy efficiency,

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,

Whereas:

¹ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

- (1) In order to implement the work programme, a financing decision for 2014 should be adopted. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union² establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (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 EC Treaty or Euratom Treaty may be implemented without a basic act.
- (4) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (5) Grants and contracts relating to specific programmes are the subject of separate work programmes adopted by the Commission and which serve as financing decisions,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme for 2014, as set out in the Annex, aimed at implementing general measures in the field of energy, is hereby adopted.

The annual work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the 2014 work programme is hereby set at EUR 4 900 000, to be financed from the following line of the 2014 general budget of the European Union:

32 02 02 - Support activities to the European energy policy and the internal energy market.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes³ 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) No 1268/2012, where those

² OJ L 362, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

³ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objectives of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

Done at Brussels, 18.2.2014

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission