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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

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 Article 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (Euratom) No 302/2005 of 8 February 2005 on the application of Euratom safeguards², and the tasks resulting from specific powers directly conferred on the Commission by the Euratom Treaty under Chapters III and VII and Article 174,

Having regard to Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom of 25 June 2009 on establishing a Community framework for the nuclear safety of nuclear installations³,

Having regard to Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom of 19 July 2011 on establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste⁴,

Whereas:

- (1) For the purposes of the implementation of activities in the field of nuclear energy, the work programme for the year 2016 should be adopted.
- (2) The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 and in 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.
- (3) This Decision should allow for the payment of default interest on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012.
- (4) For the application of this Decision, the term ‘substantial change’ within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 should be defined,

¹ OJ L 298, 25.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 54, 28.2.2005, p. 1.

³ OJ L 172, 2.7.2009, p. 18.

⁴ OJ L 199, 2.8.2011, p. 48.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual work programme in the field of nuclear energy for 2016, as set out in the Annex, is 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 authorised by this Decision for the implementation of the work programme for 2016 is set at EUR 27 614 000, to be financed from the following budget lines of the General Budget of the European Union for 2016:

- a) budget line 32 03 01: EUR 23 749 000
- b) budget line 32 03 02: EUR 3 865 000

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover default interest.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2016 after the adoption of the budget for 2016 by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes⁵ 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 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 %.

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, 18.12.2015

For the Commission
Miguel Arias CAÑETE
Member of the Commission

⁵ These changes may come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.