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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action¹, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 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 966/2012² and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2015) 5073 of 20 July 2015 the Commission adopted the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Albania under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for the years 2014-2020 (hereinafter referred to as the "IPARD II Programme").
- (2) On 25 November 2021 the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD II Programme for Albania considered and approved the proposal to amend the IPARD II Programme.
- (3) On 2 December 2021 the Albanian national authorities submitted to the Commission a proposal to amend the IPARD II Programme, including the revised financial plan.
- (4) The proposed amendment is of financial nature including changes of financial breakdowns among the measures. It is related to the adaptation of financial tables in order to take into account the reallocation of budget from Measure 9 "Technical Assistance" to Measure 7 "Farm diversification and business development" and avoid de-commitment in 2022.
- (5) The Commission considers that the proposed amendment is duly justified and consequently, it is appropriate for the IPARD II Programme to be modified accordingly.
- (6) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5073 of 20 July 2015 should be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

- (7) The envisaged assistance to the Republic of Albania is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall in the number of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. Once adopted, it shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States via the IPA Committee set up set up by Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1529⁴ within 30 days of the date of its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5073 of 20 July 2015 adopting the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Albania under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for the years 2014-2020 is modified as follows:

1. In Article 2, second paragraph, the table is replaced by the following:

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Measures	EU contribution (EUR) 2014-2020
Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings	32 600 370
Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products	26 500 000
Farm diversification and business development	11 765 000
Technical assistance	134 630
TOTAL	71 000 000

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2. The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 23.2.2022

For the Commission
Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI
Member of the Commission

³ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

⁴ OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.