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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 Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 25(2)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009<sup>3</sup>, applicable pursuant to Article 9(1) of IPA III, technical amendments to action plans and measures may be adopted, provided such amendments do not substantially affect the objectives of the action plan or measure concerned.
- (2) By its Decision C(2022) 1538 of 9 March 2022 the Commission adopted the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of North Macedonia under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) for the years 2021-2027 (hereinafter referred to as the "IPARD III Programme").
- (3) On 29 March 2023 the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD III Programme for North Macedonia considered and approved the proposal to amend the IPARD III Programme.
- (4) On 30 March 2023 the National Authorities of North Macedonia submitted a proposal to the Commission to amend the IPARD III Programme including the revised financial plan.
- (5) The proposed amendment is of technical nature related to: providing better demarcation between national programmes and IPARD Programme by increasing

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2019, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1.

minimum thresholds under the IPARD III Programme, setting hemp sector as ineligible for support under the IPARD III Programme, providing correct legal references following conclusion of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement (FFPA)<sup>4</sup> and the Sectoral Agreement<sup>5</sup>.

- (6) The Commission considers that the proposed amendment is duly justified and consequently, it is appropriate for the IPARD III Programme to be modified accordingly.
- (7) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>6</sup>.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories 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 by Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 within one month of the date of its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 1538 of 9 March 2022 adopting the IPA III Rural Development programme (IPARD III) of North Macedonia for the years 2021-2027 is modified as follows:

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

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<b>Year</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>indicative</b> <b>amount</b>	<b>2025</b> <b>indicative</b> <b>amount</b>	<b>2026</b> <b>indicative</b> <b>amount</b>	<b>2027</b> <b>indicative</b> <b>amount</b>
<b>Total</b>	7	8	12	15	17	18	20

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

Done at Brussels, 12.6.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> The FFPA was concluded between Commission and North Macedonia on 9.11.2022.

<sup>5</sup> The Sectoral Agreement was concluded between Commission and North Macedonia on 15.2.2023.

<sup>6</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.