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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 966/2012¹, 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)², and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission by its Decision C(2022) 1538 of 9 March 2022 adopted the IPA III Rural Development Programme of North Macedonia for the years 2021-2027 (hereinafter referred to as the "IPARD III Programme").
- (2) On 15 April 2024 the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD III Programme for North Macedonia considered and approved the proposal to amend the IPARD III Programme.
- (3) On 15 April 2024 the National Authorities of North Macedonia submitted a proposal to the Commission to amend the IPARD III Programme.
- (4) The proposed amendment is of financial nature related to the reallocation of funding from measures 3 "Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products", 4 "Agri-environment-climate and organic farming measure", 5 "Implementation of local development strategies - LEADER approach", 6 "Rural Public infrastructure" and 10 "Advisory services" to measure 7 "Farm diversification and business development" in view of the delayed entrustment of measures 4, 5, 6 and 10, and the high demand under measure 7. This modification will ensure better implementation of IPARD III Programme and reduce the risk of a de-commitment in the coming years.
- (5) The Commission considers that the proposed amendment is duly justified and consequently, it is appropriate for the IPARD III Programme to be modified accordingly.
- (6) Implementing Decision C(2022) 1538 should therefore be amended accordingly.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1046/oj>.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1529/oj>.

- (7) The envisaged assistance 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 within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the IPA III Committee is required 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 480/2009⁴,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2022) 1538 of 9 March 2022 is amended as follows:

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

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Measure	EU contribution
Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings	29 150 000
Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products	26 030 000
Agri-environment - climate and organic farming measure	1 100 000
Implementation of local development strategies – LEADER approach	1 650 000
Investments in rural public infrastructure	9 250 000
Farm diversification and business development	26 250 000
Technical Assistance	2 470 000
Advisory services	1 100 000
Total	97 000 000

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

Done at Brussels, 24.6.2024

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 209, 14.6.2021, p.1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj>.