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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. 250/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014¹ establishing a programme² to promote activities in the field of the protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule III Programme) and repealing Decision No 804/2004/EC, in particular Article 11 thereof,

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 Union³ (hereinafter referred to as the "Financial Regulation"), and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Hercule III Programme it is necessary to adopt a financing decision and work programme for 2014. 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 Union⁴ 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) 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *The work programme*

The annual work programme for the implementation of the Hercule III programme for 2014 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.

¹ OJ L 84, 20 March 2014, p. 6

² Hereinafter referred to as the 'Hercule III Programme'

³ OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

⁴ OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the programme for the year 2014 is set at EUR 13 677 700, and shall be financed from the budget article 24.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2014.

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

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulative changes to the allocations to the specific actions referred to in the annual work programme not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision are not 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 objective of the work programme

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, 26.5.2014

For the Commission
Algirdas ŠEMETA
Member of the Commission