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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) 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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 231/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 7(1) 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>3</sup>, and in particular Article 19(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2015) 5073 of 20 July 2015 the Commission adopted the Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development of Albania under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for the years 2014-2020 ("IPARD II Programme").
- (2) On 22 June 2022 the Monitoring Committee for the IPARD II Programme for Albania considered and approved the proposal to amend the IPARD II Programme.
- (3) On 23 June 2022 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 1 "*Investments in physical assets in agricultural holdings*" to Measure 7 "*Farm Diversification and Business Development*" and avoid de-commitment at the moment of closure of the programme.
- (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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p.11.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.

- (6) Therefore, Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5073 of 20 July 2015 should be amended accordingly.
- (7) The envisaged assistance to Albania is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>4</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 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 Albania under the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) for the years 2014-2020, as last amended by Commission Decision C(2022)1243 of 23 February 2022, is modified as follows:

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

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| <b>Measures</b>   | <b>EU contribution<br/>(EUR)<br/>2014-2020</b> |
|---|--|
| Investments in physical assets of agricultural holdings   | 29 097 124                                     |
| Investments in physical assets concerning processing and marketing of agricultural and fishery products | 26 500 000                                     |
| Farm diversification and business development   | 15 268 246                                     |
| Technical assistance  | 134 630  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>71 000 000</b>                              |

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

Done at Brussels, 25.7.2022

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

<sup>4</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.