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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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**amending Implementing Decision C(2020) 5698 of 25.08.2020 adopting an Action
Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2020 (Part II)**

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 389/2006 of 27 February 2006 establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community¹, and in particular Article 3 thereof,

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 966/2012², and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Implementing Decision C(2020) 5698 of 25.08.2020³, the Commission adopted an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2020 (Part II).
- (2) The 2020 programme (Part II) aimed to increase the renewable energy potential in Cyprus in line with the European Green Deal. For this purpose, it was planned to invest in the upgrade of the medium voltage network of the Turkish Cypriot community. Numerous developments in the Turkish Cypriot community have put into question the sustainability of this project leading the Commission to conclude that the present operational and political conditions do not allow it to be implemented while ensuring sound financial management. That project should thus be cancelled and the funds reallocated as an advance provision for the EU scholarship programme to offer Turkish Cypriots an opportunity to study in EU places of learning.
- (3) The 2020 programme (Part II) aimed to support the creation of growth and jobs through energy efficiency investments to assist the Turkish Cypriot community in mitigating the impact of the economic crisis following the COVID-19 pandemic. The project intended to maximise value creation in the Turkish Cypriot community, the creation of jobs and the transfer of knowledge, providing best practices that investors could use to develop the market. Given that the market conditions in the Turkish Cypriot community do not currently allow for achieving these objectives as effectively as through other aid mechanisms, that project should accordingly be cancelled and direct support to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises should be reinforced.

¹ OJ L 65, 7.3.2006, p. 5.

² OJ L 191, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 5698 of 25 August 2020 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2020 (Part II).

- (4) Therefore, Implementing Decision C(2020) 5698 should be amended accordingly.
- (5) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (6) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee referred to in Article 17(7) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁵.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Annex to Commission Implementing Decision C(2020) 5698 of 25.08.2020 adopting an Action Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community for the year 2020 (Part II) is amended as set out in Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 14.12.2022

For the Commission
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⁴ 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,

⁵ 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) (OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p. 1).