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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 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management¹, and in particular Article 14(9) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)8521 approved the national programme of Latvia for support from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund for the period 2014 to 2020 submitted on 30 October 2015 and set the maximum contribution from the Fund to the national programme of Latvia.
- (2) To address the most pressing needs and to ensure the implementation of migration priorities, the Budgetary Authority reinforced the 2018 Union budget with EUR 30 million and EUR 20 million to support respectively the integration of third-country nationals and return measures. The additional allocations to the national programmes are made in accordance with Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and Council².
- (3) On 26 October 2018, Latvia submitted, through the Commission's electronic data exchange system (SFC2014), a revised national programme to take into account the additional Union contribution.
- (4) This Commission Implementing Decision constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ and a legal commitment within the meaning of point (37) of Article 2 of that Regulation.
- (5) Implementing Decision C(2015)8521 should therefore be amended accordingly,

¹ OJ L 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112.

² Regulation (EU) No 516/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 establishing the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, amending Council Decision 2008/381/EC and repealing Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC (OJ L 150, 20.05.2014, p. 168)

³ 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 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision C(2015)8521 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

"Article 1

The revised national programme of Latvia for support from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, as submitted in its final version on 26 October 2018, is hereby approved."

(2) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"Article 2

1. The maximum contribution from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund to the national programme of Latvia is set at EUR 18 919 989, to be financed from budget line 18 03 01 of the general budget of the Union.
2. The maximum contribution shall be composed of:
 - (a) A basic amount of EUR 13 751 777 allocated in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 516/2014;
 - (b) An additional amount of EUR 500 000 for the Union Resettlement Programme, allocated in accordance with Article 17 of that Regulation.
 - (c) An additional amount of EUR 2 886 000 for the relocation of applicants for international protection from Greece and Italy in accordance with Article 10 of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523⁴ and Article 10(1)(a) of Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601⁵;
 - (d) an additional amount of EUR 1 494 758 allocated in 2017, in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 516/2014.
 - (e) an additional amount of EUR 287 454 allocated in 2018, in accordance with Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 516/2014."

⁴ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523 of 14 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece (OJ L 239, 15.9.2015, p.146).

⁵ Council Decision (EU) 2015/1601 of 22 September 2015 establishing provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and Greece (OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p.80).

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Latvia.

Done at Brussels, 29.11.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission