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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) 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) 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 (EC) 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 99/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 of the European statistical programme 2013-2017<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>4</sup> has extended the European statistical programme to 2020, in order to align it with the remaining duration of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020.
- (2) In order to ensure the implementation of the European statistical programme established by Regulation (EU) 99/2013, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2019. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ("the Financial Regulation") establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) Pursuant to article 195(d) of the Financial Regulation it is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to bodies identified in a basic act as beneficiaries. As stated in Article 5(3) of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009, the national statistical institutes and other national authorities included in the list referred to in Article 5(2) of that Regulation may receive grants without a call for proposals. Pursuant to Article 195(f) the Financial Regulation, grants may also be awarded without a call for proposals for actions with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 164.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 39, 9.2.2013, p. 12.

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2017/1951 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 99/2013 on the European statistical programme 2013-17, by extending it to 2020 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2017, p. 1)

specialisation or its administrative power, on condition that the actions concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals.

- (4) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for 2019 for the implementation of the European Statistical Programme 2013-2020, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

*Article 2*  
*Union Contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 is set at EUR78 127 963, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union for 2019:

- (a) budget line 29.0201: EUR 72 185 000;
- (b) appropriations corresponding to EFTA contribution: EUR 1 310 158;
- (c) appropriations corresponding to Swiss contribution: EUR4 632 805.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2019, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes<sup>5</sup> for the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 shall not exceed 20%.

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<sup>5</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 4*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 1. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in Annex 1, point 2.

Done at Brussels, 14.2.2019

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*