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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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**amending Implementing Decision C(2020) 5652 on the Annual Action Programme for
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EURATOM) No 237/2014 of 13 December 2013 establishing an Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation², and in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2020) 5652 of 21 August 2020 the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for Nuclear Safety Cooperation for 2020.
- (2) That Decision included the financing of actions related to nuclear waste within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone in Ukraine.
- (3) On 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation started an invasion war in Ukraine. The Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, which lies at the border with Belarus, was one of the points of entry of the Russian forces and was occupied until 31 March 2022. Massive movements of military vehicles through the contaminated territories, and infrastructure damage, have changed the characteristics of the nuclear waste storage and increase the risk of underground water contamination. It is therefore necessary to have a more flexible allocation between services and supplies. The present situation also justifies the indirect management of the whole budget by a pillar assessed entity well rooted in Ukraine.
- (4) Decision C(2020)5652 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) The amendments provided for in this Decision do not fall within the categories of amendments for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The Nuclear Safety Cooperation Committee established under Article 11 of Regulation (EURATOM) No 237/2014 of 13 December 2013 should be informed within one month following the adoption of this Decision,

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 109.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Annex 2 to Implementing Decision C(2020) 5652 of 21 August 2020 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 28.7.2023

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission