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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 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action¹, and in particular Article 2(1) 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 Decision C(2015)7693 of 13.11.2015 the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of Iraq for primary and secondary education.
- (2) The Action entitled “Capacity Building Programme for Primary and Secondary Education in Iraq” (Annex 1) aimed to improve the quality and equality of the education system and strengthen the institutional capacities in education administration at central and local level, promoting decentralization on education management.
- (3) This Action was composed of two major components: 1) Improve the quality and equality of the education system; and 2) Strengthen the institutional capacities in education administration at central and local level and promote decentralization on education management.
- (4) It is now necessary to change the implementation modality of component 2 from direct management to indirect management with two United Nations agencies, UNICEF and UNESCO. Thus, this Action will be implemented through a mixing formula of direct management for component 1 and indirect management for component 2.
- (5) Therefore Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)7693 should be modified accordingly.

¹ OJ L77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

- (6) Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (7) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (8) To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall into the number of the measures for which the prior approval of the Committee is required. The measure shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the DCI Committee set up under Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2014 establishing a financial instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014 – 2020³ within one month of their adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2015)7693 of 13.11.2015 on the Annual Action Programme 2015 in favour of Iraq for primary and secondary education in Iraq to be financed from the general budget of the European Union is amended as follows :

- Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 26.4.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

³ OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44.