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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 223/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 on the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Implementing Decision C(2014)10066<sup>2</sup>, the Commission approved the food and/or basic material assistance operational programme for support from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived in Portugal.
- (2) On 23 October 2020, Portugal submitted, through the electronic data exchange system of the Commission a request for an amendment to the operational programme. The request was accompanied by a revised operational programme and a justification for the amendment. Portugal proposed the following amendment to the operational programme: Under the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII+), to apply a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 to increase the funding liquidity allocated to Portugal and expand the number of recipients supported during these years.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014 Portugal requests to apply a co-financing rate of 100% to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021 for this operational programme
- (4) In accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014, the request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for the amendment to the operational programme is duly justified by the need to temporarily alleviate the burden on public budgets responding to the crisis situation related to the COVID-19 outbreak and help secure financial support for projects.
- (5) In accordance with Article 9(2) of Regulation (EU) No 223/2014, the Commission assessed the revised operational programme and did not make any observations.
- (6) The amendment to the operational programme should therefore be approved.
- (7) Implementing decision C(2014)10066 should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 72, 12.03.2014, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> Implementing Decision C(2014)10066 of 17 December 2014

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

- (1) Article 1 of Implementing Decision C(2014)10066 is replaced by the following:

*"Article 1*

The food and/or basic material assistance operational programme for support from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived in Portugal for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020, submitted in its final version on 23 October 2020 is hereby approved."

- (2) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20.11.2020

*For the Commission*  
*Nicolas SCHMIT*  
*Member of the Commission*

