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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 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme for the period 2014 to 2020, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has adopted the Implementing Decision C(2016) 1883 adopting DG Justice's annual programme of grants and contracts for the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme, serving as a financing decision for 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Financing Decision subject to modification').
- (2) In accordance with Article 94(4) and 188(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012¹, any substantial change in the financing decision already adopted should follow the same procedure as the initial decision.
- (3) It is necessary to fight violence against women in all its forms by carrying out focused actions on violence against women in 2017. Before, it is essential that awareness-raising efforts are carried out close to the ground and tailored to the particularities of the national situation and needs in Member States. Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of gender inequalities. It is the most brutal form of discrimination on the basis of sex, and results from unequal power relations between women and men. Consequently, it hinders women from fully participating in the labour market, families and society at large. Therefore a restricted call for proposals should be launched, to support Member States' awareness-raising activities on violence against women in 2016, building on a similar approach used in 2013. Such a call should replace the call for proposals on gender gaps, which is to be included in the 2017 Annual Work Programme and be launched later that year. The budget for that call to support awareness-raising activities should be EUR 4 000 000 (EUR 3 900 000 from the former call for proposals on gender gaps plus EUR 100 000 transferred from the action grant to monopoly under the same specific objective which is to decrease its amount to EUR 200 000).
- (4) The amendment of Implementing Decision C(2016) 1883 has no financial impact on the Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (OJ L 362, 31.12.2012, p. 1.).

- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Committee established by Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Annex to Implementing Decision C(2016) 1883 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 7.9.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission