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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS)¹, and in particular Articles 3(4), 4(1) and 5(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 establishes a common classification of territorial units in order to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Union.
- (2) The Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 list the territorial units to be used for statistics.
- (3) In accordance with Article 5(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003, amendments to the NUTS classification may be adopted, in the case of a substantial reorganisation of the relevant administrative structure of a Member State, at intervals of less than three years.
- (4) The NUTS classification was last amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013².
- (5) According to the information provided to the Commission, the administrative territorial division of Portugal has undergone a substantial reorganisation.
- (6) Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the European Statistical System Committee,

¹ OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1.

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 1319/2013 of 9 December 2013 amending annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) (OJ L 342, 18.12.2013, p. 1).

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 are replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall apply, with regard to the transmission of data to the Commission (Eurostat), from 1 January 2016.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
The President