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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1920/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006¹ on the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (hereinafter "the EMCDDA Regulation"), and in particular Article 20 thereof,

Whereas,

- (1) Article 20 of the EMCDDA Regulation provides that the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction ("the EMCDDA") should actively seek to cooperate with international organisations and other, particularly European, governmental and non-governmental bodies competent in the sector of drugs.
- (2) Such cooperation should be based on working arrangements concluded with the organisations and bodies competent in the sector of drugs.
- (3) Working arrangements are to be adopted by the Management Board on the basis of a draft submitted by the Director and after the Commission has delivered a positive opinion.
- (4) The Albanian authorities, i.e. the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania, have requested to conclude working arrangements with the EMCDDA in their respective letters of 25 October 2017 and 30 March 2018.
- (5) The objective of the envisaged Working Arrangement between the EMCDDA and the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania is to promote the exchange on methodology of data collection systems and of data on drug demand and demand reduction, supply and supply reduction, on legal aspects and on policy models, as well as the exchange of expertise and of data on new psychoactive substances and on the establishment and strengthening of Early Warning Systems on Drugs, and the exchange of experiences on health and social responses to drug problems. The envisaged Working Arrangement should also support the approximation of the Albanian national legislation and policies with EU legislation and policies on drug related issues. Such cooperation in specified areas will improve the knowledge of the drugs situation and the comparability of data between Albania and the European Union.

¹ OJ L 376, 27.12.2006, p. 1.

- (6) The Director of the EMCDDA submitted the draft Working Arrangement to the Commission service for its formal opinion on 21 September 2018.

Hereby delivers a favourable opinion on the draft Working Arrangement between the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction and the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Republic of Albania.

This Opinion is addressed to the Management Board of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2018

For the Commission
Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS
Member of the Commission

