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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 335 and the Treaty on the European Union, and in particular Article 17 thereof,

Having regard to the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1133 of 25 June 2019 endorsing the administrative transition of the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation ('IPEEC') into a new energy efficiency hub (the 'Hub'), in particular in relation to the transfer of Task Groups, funds and the IPEEC Secretariat staff,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has a long standing and established cooperation with the International Energy Agency ('IEA') on the basis of Supplementary Protocol No. 1 to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Convention which provides for the participation of the Commission in the works of the OECD.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 65 Special Activity of the IEA's Agreement on an International Energy Programme ('IEP'), the Energy Efficiency Hub (the 'Hub') is aimed to be the primary mechanism for international collaboration on energy efficiency through its participants, the Task Groups and a secretariat hosted by the IEA.
- (3) The Hub is to be established as a successor to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation ('IPEEC') as The Task Groups, IPEEC funds and the IPEEC Secretariat staff are to be transferred to the new Hub as approved by the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1133¹. The Administrative Arrangement concerning the Hosting of the Hub Secretariat by the IEA was adopted by the IEA Governing Board on 6 December 2019 and is valid until 26 June 2024.
- (4) The work programme is to be designed on an ongoing basis to adapt to the available resources, with funding provided by Hub participants on a voluntary basis. The Commission fees and conditions for the payment of the voluntary contribution are set out on a yearly basis in the relevant financing decision². The measures do not require

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2019/1133 of 25 June 2019 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC) with regard to the extension of the Terms of Reference for the IPEEC for the period from 24 May until 31 December 2019 (OJ L 179, 3.7.2019, p. 23).

² Commission Implementing Decision C(2019)4575 of 2 July 2019, amending Implementing Decision C(2017)7124 as regards the work programme for 2018-2020 within the framework of the Specific Programme Implementing Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and on the financing of the work programme for 2020.

action by the Council and can be implemented within the limits of the relevant Horizon 2020 budget.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Commission shall participate in the Energy Efficiency Hub (the 'Hub') on behalf of the Union, hosted by the International Energy Agency ('IEA').

Article 2

Costs stemming from the participation of the Commission as participant in the IEA Implementing Agreement shall be borne by the Directorate-General for Energy and shall not give rise to additional costs to the budget of the Union.

Article 3

The Director-General for Energy or her designated representative(s) is (are) authorised to sign the agreement for the purpose of binding the Union.

Article 4

The Directorate General for Energy is the leading service for the Energy Efficiency Hub.

Done at Brussels, 20.5.2020

For the Commission
Kadri SIMSON
Member of the Commission

