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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 249 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 106a thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission should be able to ensure that its decision-making process runs smoothly, even in exceptional circumstances.

(2) In exceptional circumstances, if part or all of the Members of the Commission are prevented from attending a meeting of the Commission in person, the President may invite them to participate by means of telecommunication systems allowing for their identification and effective participation.

(3) The Members participating in a Commission meeting by means of telecommunication systems should be deemed to be present for the purposes of the quorum.

(4) For the authentication of the acts adopted in such a meeting the signature of the summary note by the President and the Secretary-General of the Commission could be replaced by their written consent,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Rules of Procedure of the Commission[(1)] are amended as follows:

(1) in Article 5(2), the following subparagraph is added:

> In exceptional circumstances, if part or all of the Members of the Commission are prevented from attending a meeting of the Commission in person, the President may invite them to participate by means of telecommunication systems allowing for their identification and effective participation.;

(2) in Article 7, the following subparagraph is added:

> When the President makes use of the second subparagraph of Article 5(2), the Members of the Commission who participate in the deliberations by means of the

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telecommunication systems referred to therein shall be deemed to be present for the purposes of the quorum.;

(3) in Article 10, the following paragraph is added:

4. When the President makes use of the second subparagraph of Article 5(2), the persons referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 above may attend the meetings by means of the telecommunication systems referred to in the said subparagraph.;

(4) in Article 17(1), the following subparagraph is added:

When the President makes use of the second subparagraph of Article 5(2), and when the circumstances prevent the summary note from being signed, the express written consent of the President and that of the Secretary-General of the Commission may exceptionally replace their respective signature and shall be attached to this note.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 22 April 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN