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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management[(1)], and in particular point 14 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas,

(1) Article 13 of Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013[(2)] has established a Contingency Margin of up to 0,03 % of the Gross National Income of the Union.

(2) In accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013, the Commission has calculated the absolute amount of this Contingency Margin for 2020[(3)].

(3) After having examined all other financial possibilities to react to unforeseen circumstances within the 2020 commitment ceiling for heading *3 (Security and citizenship)* of the multiannual financial framework (MFF), and having regard to the mobilisation of the Global Margin for Commitments for the full amount of 2 392 402 163 available in 2020 and of the Flexibility Instrument for the full amount of EUR 1 094 414 188 available in 2020, it is necessary to mobilise the Contingency Margin to address the needs stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak by increasing the commitment appropriations in the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, over and above the ceiling of heading 3 of the MFF.

(4) Having regard to this very particular situation, the last-resort condition set in Article 13(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1311/2013 is fullfilled.

(5) This Decision is linked to financing included in Amending budget No 2 to the general budget of the European Union for 2020. In order to ensure coherence with that amending budget, this Decision should apply from the date of its adoption,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Decision (EU) 2020/547 of the European Parliament and of the Council. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

For the general budget of the Union for the financial year 2020, the Contingency Margin shall be mobilised to provide the amount of EUR 714 558 138 in commitment appropriations over and above the commitment ceiling of heading 3 (*Security and citizenship)* of the multiannual financial framework.

Article 2

The total amount of EUR 714 558 138 referred to in Article 1 shall be offset against the margin under the commitment ceiling of the financial year 2020 of heading 5 (*Administration*) of the multiannual financial framework.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 17 April 2020.

Done at Brussels, 17 April 2020.

For the European Parliament

The President

D. M. SASSOLI

For the Council

The President

G. GRLIĆ RADMAN