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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012[(1)], and in particular point (a) of Article 66(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) By Council Decision (EU) 2019/792[(2)], the Council entrusted to the Office for the Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO) of the European Commission the exercise of certain powers conferred by the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Union and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union, laid down in Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68[(3)], on the appointing authority and on the authority empowered to conclude contracts of employment for the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC), in relation to the management of individual pecuniary entitlements.

(2) The GSC signed a service-level agreement with the PMO for the management of individual pecuniary entitlements of the staff and high#level public office holders of the GSC.

(3) Commission Decision 2003/522/EC[(4)], and in particular Article 2(4) thereof, allows the PMO to act at the request of and on behalf of another body established under or on the basis of the Treaties. In accordance with the service-level agreement between the PMO and the GSC, the GSC may request the PMO to validate and authorise the payment of salaries to the staff and high-level public office holders of the GSC as well as the payment of their mission and authorised travel expenses. In view of the advantages this will procure in terms of cost savings and efficiencies, the Director of the PMO should be delegated relevant powers of the authorising officer pursuant to point (a) of Article 66(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1990. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

1 The Director of the Office for the Administration and Payment of the Individual Entitlements (PMO) of the European Commission is delegated the powers of the authorising officer to validate and authorise payments of remuneration as well as payments of mission and authorised travel expenses to staff for the purposes of the application of point (a) of Article 1(1) of Decision (EU) 2019/792 and to high-level public office holders.

Those payments shall be booked to the following articles and items of Section II of the general budget of the European Union, entitled 'European Council and Council':

— Chapter 10, except for sub-items 1004-02 and 1004-05;

— Chapter 11;

— Item 1200, except for sub-item 1200-36;

— Article 133;

— Item 2201.

The delegation referred to in the first subparagraph shall also include the powers to estimate, establish and authorise revenues linked to the expenditures referred to in the second subparagraph.

2 The delegation referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply in cases where the exercise of powers delegated by the Council to the PMO under Article 1(1) of Decision (EU) 2019/792 was relinquished in accordance with Article 1(2) of that Decision.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the date of receipt by the General Secretariat of the Council of a letter confirming the acceptance by the PMO of the powers delegated under the first subparagraph of Article 1(1) or upon the exercise by the PMO of those delegated powers, whichever is earlier.

Done at Brussels, 28 November 2019.

For the Council

The President

T. HARAKKA