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THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK,

HAVING REGARD to Articles 4(3) and 5(2) of the Statute,

WHEREAS the United Kingdom is expected to withdraw from the European Union as of 30 March 2019 in accordance with the provisions of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union,

WHEREAS in accordance with Article 308 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the members of the European Investment Bank are the Member States,

WHEREAS the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union will bring an end to the membership of the United Kingdom in the European Investment Bank and to its subscribed capital in the Bank,

WHEREAS the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union should not affect the financing activity and the business model of the European Investment Bank,

WHEREAS the maintenance of the capital of the Bank requires an increase of the capital subscribed by the remaining Member States,

WHEREAS the paid-in portion of this increase of the capital subscribed by the remaining Member States should amount to EUR 3 495 903 950, to be funded entirely from the Additional Reserves of the Bank, in order to preserve the paid-in portion of the total subscribed capital at its current level,

WHEREAS the maintenance of the capital of the Bank should go in parallel with a further strengthening of the governance of the Bank,

WHEREAS the function of the Board of Directors should be strengthened, allowing the nomination of additional alternates, and better use should be made of alternate Board members and non-voting experts to enhance their support to the decision-making process of the Board of Directors, in particular regarding the analysis of financing proposals,

WHEREAS the use of qualified majority voting in the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors should be extended to crucial areas, namely the decision on the Bank's Operational Plan, the appointment of members of the Management Committee and the approval of the Rules of Procedure,

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Decision of the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 16 April 2019 on the replacement of the capital of the United Kingdom in the European Investment Bank by capital subscribed by the remaining Member States [2019/655]. (See end of Document for details)*

WHEREAS the Bank should take further initiatives to reflect, in line with best banking practice, the principles of 'three lines of defence', at all relevant levels of the institution, including in the Management Committee,

WHEREAS in line with Member States' expectations, lending volumes should be kept sustainable and a framework for determining sustainable lending levels should be further developed,

WHEREAS the function of the Audit Committee shall be strengthened by making sure that the Committee has amongst its members knowledge on supervisory issues, the selection process for members of the Audit Committee should also be explored to ensure, inter alia, that the Audit Committee always includes members drawn from a banking supervisory authority from both inside and outside the euro area,

WHEREAS the Council is requested to adopt, in parallel, the necessary amendments to the Statute of the Bank in accordance with Article 308 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

WHEREAS certain Member States expressed interest to subscribe additional capital in the Bank, and the Board of Governors calls upon the Board of Directors to put forward a proposal in this matter at the latest for the Annual Meeting in 2019,

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK HAS THEREFORE DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY AS FOLLOWS:

1. With effect from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the capital subscribed by the remaining Member States shall be increased by EUR 39 195 022 000, in proportion to each Member State's share in the total subscribed capital of EUR 204 089 132 500. The subscribed capital of the Bank shall therefore be restored to EUR 243 284 154 500, subscribed by the Member States as follows:

Germany	46 722 369 149
France	46 722 369 149
Italy	46 722 369 149
Spain	28 033 421 847
Belgium	12 951 115 777
Netherlands	12 951 115 777
Sweden	8 591 781 713
Denmark	6 557 521 657
Austria	6 428 994 386
Poland	5 980 679 827
Finland	3 693 702 498
Greece	3 512 961 713
Portugal	2 263 904 037