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ANNEX

Annex I is amended as follows:

(1) the title is replaced by the following:

'Union funding';

(2) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

Allocation principles

The Union funding provided under this Decision shall respect the Union's vision, its strategic orientations and priorities and shall be allocated based on the following principles:

(a) The territorial (bilateral) and regional programmable support for the long-term development of all the OCTs, in particular shall finance the initiatives referred to in the programming document. Where appropriate, the programming document shall pay particular attention to actions aimed at strengthening governance and the institutional capacities of the beneficiary OCTs and, where relevant, the likely timetable of the envisaged actions.

The amount for the territorial (bilateral) cooperation shall be allocated on the basis of the specificities, needs, development level and performance of the OCTs in accordance with a limited set of specific criteria, taking into account the population, where relevant, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), poverty and inequality, the level of previous allocations, the OCTs' absorption capacities, exceptional situation and constraints due to the geographical isolation of OCTs as mentioned in Article 9.

The amount for regional cooperation shall be implemented in coordination with Article 7 of this Decision, in particular regarding the areas of mutual interest referred to in Article 5 of this Decision and through consultation via the instances of the EU-OCTs partnership referred to in Article 14 of this Decision. Coordination shall be sought with other relevant Union financial programmes and instruments, such as those covering the cooperation with relevant ACP and non-ACP states and territories as well as the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 TFEU.

(b) A non-allocated fund for all the OCTs, shall inter alia:

- (i) ensure an appropriate response of the Union in the event of unforeseen circumstances;
- (ii) address new needs or emerging challenges, such as migratory pressure at the Union's or its neighbours' borders;
- (iii) promote new international initiatives and priorities.

2. The Commission, following an assessment of the implementation of this Decision, may decide on the re-allocation of any non-committed funds mentioned in this Article, including to the territorial (bilateral) and regional allocations.';

(3) Article 3 is deleted.]