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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL HOME AFFAIRS

Directorate C: Schengen
Unit C.4: Internal Security Fund

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Subject: Adoption – Written procedure on the draft COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION on amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2012)9487 of 19 December 2012 on the adoption of the 2013 annual Work Programme for Community Actions in the framework of the European Fund for the Integration of third country nationals (EIF)

Dear Members of the SOLID Committee,

The 2013 Annual Work Programme for the 'European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals' constituting a financing decision for the expenditure provided therein for grants and procurement was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2012)9487 on 19 December 2012.

Since the adoption of the 2013 EIF CA AWP in 2012 two new priority projects emerged in the area of integration to be implemented jointly with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): 1) Joint OECD/EC publication on indicators of integration and 2) Joint OECD/EC project on labour migration policy. In addition the need for the organisation of an integration-related EU Presidency conference materialized.

At the same time considerable savings were achieved under the Part 1.2.I - *Action grants to be awarded for transnational integration projects (open call for proposals)*. This saving is sufficient to cover the total funding need for the above new activities.

There is a need to modify the 2013 Annual Work Programme in order to update the activities to be implemented. Based on paragraph 1 of Article 3 of Commission Implementing Decision C(2012)9487 of 19 December 2012 changes substantially affecting the nature and objectives of the Annual Work Programme are considered as substantial change within the meaning of Article 94(4) of the Rules of Application. In accordance with Article 90(4) of the Rules of Application any substantial change in a financing decision already adopted shall follow the same procedure as the initial decision.

The Commission would like to seek your opinion on the attached draft Commission Implementing Decision amending the 2013 EIF Annual Work Programme.

The Committee's opinion will be obtained by launching the written procedure within the meaning of Article 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the common Committee "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows". In order to allow the timely start of the implementation of the new joint OECD/EU actions proposed the amendment shall be adopted without delay. Therefore, the time limit for this consultation shall be reduced with reference to Article 3(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

Any Committee member who does not express opposition or the intention to abstain **within 5 calendar days** from the date of this note is considered to have given his or her tacit agreement to the proposal. Any comments should be sent to the functional mailbox of the common Committee Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows at HOME-SOLID-COMMITTEE@ec.europa.eu with a clear reference to this document.

As an annex to this letter, please find document SOLID/2013/10 with the draft Commission Implementing Decision and its Annex.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stefano Signore', written over the printed name.

Stefano SIGNORE

Chair of the Committee

To the Members of the Committee "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows"