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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014¹, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Having regard to the Association Agreement², between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part, and in particular Article 141 thereof,

Having regard to Protocol I of the Association Agreement on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Moldova in Union Programmes, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The EU4Health Programme (2021-2027) was established by Regulation (EU) No 2021/522.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6(1), points b) and c) of Regulation (EU) 2021/522, acceding countries, candidate countries, potential candidates countries, European Neighbourhood Policy countries and other third countries may participate in the EU4Health Programme in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective framework agreements and Association Council decisions, or similar agreements, and in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in agreements between the Union and those countries.
- (3) On 05 January 2022, the Republic of Moldova expressed an interest in participating in the EU4Health Programme.
- (4) By participating as an associate country in the EU4Health Programme, the Republic of Moldova is expected to contribute to the achievement of the general objectives of the EU4Health Programme for improving and fostering health, supporting health promotion and disease prevention, protecting people from serious cross-border threats, improving the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices, and strengthening health systems by improving their resilience and resource efficiency.

¹ OJ L 107, 26.03.2021, p. 1.

² OJ L260, 30.08.2014, p. 4

- (5) An agreement covering the association of Republic of Moldova to the EU4Health programme (the ‘Agreement’) has been negotiated between the Commission and the competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova.
 - (6) It is therefore necessary to approve the Agreement.
 - (7) The Republic of Moldova should contribute financially to the EU4Health Programme,
- HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

1. The agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the association of Republic of Moldova to the EU4Health Programme - the Programme for Union’s action in the field of health (the ‘Agreement’), as attached to this Decision, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.
2. The Commissioner in charge of Health and Food Safety or the person designated to replace her, is authorised to sign the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the association of the Republic of Moldova to the EU4Health programme, on behalf of the Union.

Done at Brussels, 26.1.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission