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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 October 2003 establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC¹, and in particular Article 10a(8) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Decision 2010/670/EU of 3 November 2010 laying down criteria and measures for the financing of commercial demonstration projects that aim at the environmentally safe capture and geological storage of CO₂ as well as demonstration projects of innovative renewable energy technologies under the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community established by Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council², and in particular Article 5(5) thereof,

After consulting the Climate Change Committee,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Articles 5 to 9 of Decision 2010/670/EU, the Commission published a second call for proposals under the NER 300 funding programme covering the proceeds of 100 million allowances in April 2013, followed by a selection procedure and the adoption of an award decision for 19 projects on 8 July 2014³ ('the Award Decision').
- (2) In accordance with the procedure foreseen in points 3 and 5 of Annex 2 to the Award Decision, the Commission received notifications by the Cypriot and Estonian authorities proposing changes in relation to two awarded projects. Introduction of upfront funding was proposed for one project and a change of the schedule of upfront funding for another project. Furthermore, withdrawals of four projects were notified by the Estonian, Irish, Latvian and Spanish authorities.
- (3) The changes notified do not affect the scope of the projects, the results of the selection procedure and does not increase the maximum amount of funding.
- (4) Following the procedure set out in point 5 of Annex 2 to the Award Decision, the Commission assessed the technical and financial implications of the proposed changes

¹ OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 32.

² OJ L 290, 6.11.2010, p. 39.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2014) 4493 of 8.7.2014 Award Decision under the second call for proposals of the NER 300 funding programme.

to the projects and obtained the reassurance that Cypriot and Estonian authorities would support the proposed changes. The Commission concluded that the changes proposed were duly justified and could be accepted. Therefore, the Award Decision should be amended in order to reflect the changes proposed by the Member States.

- (5) As regards the withdrawal of four projects, point 3 of Annex 2 to the Award Decision foresees that following the notification by the Member State, the Award Decision terminates its legal and financial effects retroactively with regard to the withdrawn projects, without the need to amend the Award Decision. Nevertheless, for the sake of clarity the withdrawn projects should be deleted from the list of projects provided in Annex 1b to Implementing Decision C(2014) 4493.
- (6) In addition, in order to avoid further amendments to the Award Decision with regards to the date of entry into operation, the date of entry into operation should also be changed to the latest possible for all projects, which have not yet entered into operation. All projects are in their final preparation stage, therefore no major changes relating to the effective entry into operation date are expected. Nevertheless some delays could still occur, therefore the Member States should still be required to notify the effective date of entry into operation through the annual project reports.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex 1b to Implementing Decision C(2014) 4493 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Estonia, Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Croatian Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 13.8.2018

For the Commission
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Director-General for Climate Action

