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AMIF-ISF/2022/03

‘Asylum, Migration and Integration and Internal Security Funds Committee’

Subject: **Extension of the flexibility measures related to COVID-19 for the 2022 financial year in duly justified circumstances**

Dear Members of the AMIF-ISF Committee,

In reply to questions regarding the possible continuation of the flexibilities communicated in 2020 in the following notes:

- *Guidance note to Member States on possible flexibilities within the current implementation framework of the AMIF and the ISF in light of COVID-19 (AMIF-ISF/2020/04)*¹;
- *Flexibility for operational on-the-spot controls due to COVID-19 pandemic and the use of alternative evidence (AMIF-ISF/2020/13)*².

The scope of the flexibilities has been already extended to the 2021 financial year through a note: *Extension of the exceptional measures related to COVID-19 for the 2021 financial year (AMIF-ISF/2021/03)*³.

Given that the pandemic situation may still have a protracted impact on the implementation of the AMIF and ISF national programmes, we would like to inform you that in duly justified cases these **flexibilities for the implementation of AMIF and ISF national programmes can still be applied throughout the 2022 financial year.**

¹ Ares(2020)2255902

² Ares(2020)3120773

³ Ares(2021)889230

When relevant, Member States will explain the reasons for the use of any of such flexibilities in the annual accounts for the 2022 financial year, to be presented in February 2023.

Justification will not be requested in the case of measure 1 of note AMIF-ISF/2020/04: *Increase/ decrease of the Fund's allocation to a specific objective up to 20% of the basic amounts*, as the 20% threshold was lifted⁴ to maximise the scope of use of the AMIF 2014-2020 in order to address the increased pressure on Member States' asylum and migration management systems stemming from the invasion of Ukraine.

We remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Electronically signed
Chiara GARIAZZO
Chair of the AMIF-ISF Committee

c.c.: JHA Counsellors

⁴ Communicated to the AMIF-ISF Committee via Note AMIF-ISF/2022/02 – Ref. Ares(2022)3072154 – 19/04/2022