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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2006/500 of 29 May 2006 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Energy Community Treaty,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community, and in particular Articles 74 and 88 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union is a Party to the Energy Community.
- (2) Articles 74 and 88 of the Energy Community Treaty provide that the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community shall adopt the bi-annual budget of the Energy Community by Procedural Act on a proposal from the European Commission.
- (3) For the next budgetary period 2020-2021, the European Commission shall present a proposal to the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community.
- (4) A draft budget has been prepared by the Energy Community Secretariat in accordance with Articles 24 and 25 of the Energy Community Procedures for the Establishment and Implementation of Budget, Auditing and Inspection (Procedural Act N° 2006/03/MA-EnC as amended by Procedural Act 2014/01/MC-EnC).
- (5) The Commission has examined the draft and concurs with it as such.
- (6) For year 2019, the budget of the Energy Community was fixed at EUR 4,812,073,-. This level will be maintained for years 2020 and 2021. Redeployment of other budget allocations and savings will finance increases in some fields (such as inflation-related salary adjustments of 2% for the staff, the creation of two new permanent posts and the increase of expenses for office rent). In addition, the Energy Community will focus more on its core tasks, as defined in the Energy Community legal framework.
- (7) The contributions of the Parties to the budget of the Energy Community are set out in Annex IV of the Treaty establishing it.
- (8) The position of the European Union as a Party to the Energy Community concerning the adoption of the budget for 2020-2021 will be established on the basis of a Council Decision. The present budget proposal is thus without prejudice to the position of the European Union expressed at the meeting of the Ministerial Council at which the budget will be adopted.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For the year 2020, the European Commission proposes to the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community to fix the budget of the Energy Community at EUR 4,812,073,- subject to the EU contribution to this amount being provided for this purpose in the Budget of the European Union for 2020.

Article 2

For the year 2021, the European Commission proposes to the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community to fix the budget of the Energy Community at EUR 4,812,073,- subject to the EU contribution to this amount being provided for this purpose in the Budget of the European Union for 2021.

Done at Brussels, 6.11.2019

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission