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Brussels, 21/10/2024

Subject: Amendment of Annex B to the Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-21

Dear Mr Merila,

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 2.5 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) proposes that Annex B to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Estonia be amended as specified in the track changes version of Annex B to the MoU attached to this letter.

The modification concerns a reallocation from the EE-Innovation programme to the Bilateral Fund and Technical Assistance and a technical modification to a transfer of function of a Donor Programme Partner. More specifically:

1. Increasing the NOR Grant contribution to the Bilateral Fund by €2 229 509. It is for the Joint Committee of the Bilateral Fund to review and approve the initiatives to be funded from the additional allocation.
2. Increasing the NOR Grant contribution to the Technical Assistance by €91 300. As the limit of contribution to Technical Assistance as set in Article 8.11.4 is exceeded, the NMFA waives the application of Article 8.11.4 in this specific case as per Article 14.5.
3. Technical modification due to a Transfer of functions from Donor Programme Partner Norwegian Institute for Public Health to the Norwegian Directorate of Health.

The NMFA requests your agreement to this amendment by replying to this letter. This letter and your affirmative letter in reply shall result in the amendment of Annex B to the MoU and the amendment shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply. Upon entry into force, the MoU with the amended Annex B shall be published on the websites of the National Focal Point and the Financial Mechanism Office.

Yours sincerely,

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