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Directorate E : Migration and Security Funds
The Acting Director

Brussels,

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Subject: Clearance of accounts decision for financial year 2016 of the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) - Estonia

Dear Mr Lugna,

As stipulated by Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, the clearance of accounts decision for the financial year 2016 shall cover the completeness, accuracy and veracity of the accounts submitted. According to Article 1(5) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2015/378, the Commission shall inform the Member State of its decision on the payment of the annual balance, including the reasons for any accounts or amounts in the accounts not paid.

I write to confirm that the accounts for the financial year 2016 of Estonia for AMIF will be proposed for full clearance for the amount of EUR 1 487 103.89.

For each budget line and categories, the 2016 annual pre-financings will be cleared in the context of the current clearance exercise. This results in a payment of EUR 930 275.04 (for projects in the area of asylum, integration and return as well as resettlement and relocation under Council Decision (EU) 2015/1523). Consequently, the remaining amount of the 2016 annual pre-financings (EUR 1 117 000.00) will be cleared with your next submission of accounts. The details of the 2016 calculation are in Annex 1 to this letter.

The results of the verifications carried out by the Commission services of the information submitted for the clearance of accounts for 2016 under the AMIF found no particular issues to report.

Kindly note, however, that this letter in no way constitutes a commitment on the part of the Commission since the formal adoption of the Clearance Decision still has to take place.

This financial clearance is without prejudice to decisions taken subsequently following any conformity audit regarding the accuracy of the information provided by the Member State.

Finally, please note that where payments made by the Responsible Authority are reported in subsequent accounts and not in the financial year during which they were made, the Commission shall use the date of the reporting as the date initialling the 36 month period referred to in Article 47(5) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014.

Ms Stephanie Hardy (Stephanie.hardy@ec.europa.eu) is available for further information.

Yours sincerely,

e-Signed

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Annex I: Calculations for the clearance of Estonia AMIF 2016

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ANNEX I

Calculations - Clearance of accounts 2016 - Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund - Estonia

Budget line	Amount Type	Payment requested (A)	Amount under examination by the Commission (B)	Amount accepted by the Commission (C) = (A) – (B)	2016 annual pre-financing to be cleared (D)	Previous year(s) not cleared pre-financing amounts (E)	Total pre-financing to be cleared (F) = (D) + (E)	Amount to be paid to the Member State (+) (G) = (C) - (F)	Outstanding pre-financing amount to be carried over to the next clearance exercise (-) (G) = (C) - (F)
AMF-Asylum	Regular Projects	463.899,81	0,00	463.899,81	151.444,83	0,00	151.444,83	312.454,99	0,00
AMF-Integration	Regular Projects	571.204,08	0,00	571.204,08	356.384,02	0,00	356.384,02	214.820,05	0,00
AMF-Asylum	Resettlement	110.000,00	0,00	110.000,00	10.000,00	0,00	10.000,00	100.000,00	0,00
AMF-Asylum	Relocation 2015/1523	342.000,00	0,00	342.000,00	39.000,00	0,00	39.000,00	303.000,00	0,00
AMF-Asylum	Relocation 2015/1601	0,00	0,00	0,00	597.000,00	0,00	597.000,00	0,00	-597.000,00
AMF-Asylum	Legal Admission 2016/1754	0,00	0,00	0,00	520.000,00	0,00	520.000,00	0,00	-520.000,00
Total (total of rows above)		1.487.103,89	0,00	1.487.103,89	1.673.828,85	0,00	1.673.828,85	930.275,04	-1.117.000,00