# **COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2015/377**

#### of 2 March 2015

establishing the models for the documents required for the payment of the annual balance pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management

#### THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management (1) and in particular Article 44(3) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) Article 44(1) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 requires each Member State to submit the documents required under Article 59(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council (2) to serve as the request for payment of the annual balance. For this purpose, it is necessary to establish models according to which documents should be drawn up by the Member States.
- (2) In order to allow for the prompt application of the measures provided for in this Regulation and not delay the preparation of any request for payment by the Member States, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
- (3) The United Kingdom and Ireland are bound by Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 and are as a consequence bound by this Regulation.
- (4) Without prejudice to recital 47 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, Denmark is not bound by Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 or by this Regulation.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the 'Asylum, Migration and Integration and Internal Security Funds' Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

## Article 1

# Models for the request for payment of the annual balance

The models to be used for presenting the request for payment of the annual balance shall be as set out in Annexes I to IV.

## Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in Member States in accordance with the Treaties.

Done at Brussels, 2 March 2015.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

<sup>)</sup> OJL 150, 20.5.2014, p. 112.

<sup>(</sup>²) Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1).

# ANNEX I

# ACCOUNTS

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|--|---|
| Title                                      | The national programme of the Fund for [Member State] |
| Version                                    | <0.3 type='N' input='G'>                              |
| First Year                                 | <0.4 type="N" maxlength='4" input='M">                |
| Last Year                                  | 2020  |
| Eligible From                              | 1 January 2014  |
| EC Decision Number                         | <0.8 type='S' input='G'>>                             |
| EC Decision Date                           | <0.8 type='D' input='G'>> 1                           |
| Project and accounts sub-<br>mission date: | <type =="" date,="" input="" m=""></type>             |
| Financial Year                             | <type =="" g="" input="" year,=""></type>             |

| (the basic info   | -  | SECTION A1: PROJECT pject may be a single even needs only to be comp | ent or o | ver multip  | le years)                       |  |
|---|--|--|----------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Project reference: [MS/start YEAR/PR/number] (20 characters unique number)  Specific Objective/national objective or specific action: [drop menu] |  |  |          |   |                                 |  |
| Project title: [10 word title/90  | charact  | ers]   |          |   |                                 |  |
| Project summary: [900 charact   | ers]   |  |          |   |                                 |  |
| Beneficiary name: official [90 characters]  |  | Beneficiary name: short nam [20 characters]                          |          | e   | Type of beneficiary [drop menu] |  |
| Reference to selection procedure: (including the year) [50 ters]  |  |  | arac-    | Type of procedure [drop box: Open, restricted negotiated] |                                 |  |
| % of Fund's co-financing: %   | Justification for > 75 % co-financing: [250 characters] e.g specific actions maximus >/= 90 %; |  |          | aracters] e.g specific actions maximum of                 |                                 |  |

|   | SECTION A2: SPECIAL CASES |                    |                   |                          |                                |                       |                     |  |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Pledging (Union Priorities): Project reference: [MS/start YEAR/RP/number] (20 characters) |                           |                    |                   |                          |                                |                       |                     |  |
| Union<br>Priority   | Country of asylum:        | Country of origin: | Number of adults: | Number of adult females: | Number of unaccompanied minors | Total number          | Total number >      |  |
| [Drop<br>Box]   | [Drop Box]                | [Drop Box]         | number            | number                   | number                         | number gen-<br>erated | Euro gener-<br>ated |  |
|   | 1                         | TOTALS             | generated         | generated                | generated                      | generated             | generated           |  |

| Pledging (Other                       | Pledging (Others) Project reference: [MS/YEAR/RO/number] (20 characters) |  |          |                                      |                     |                            |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Country of Country of asylum: origin: |  | Number of Number of adults adult females |          | Number of<br>unaccompanied<br>minors | Total number        | Total number ×<br>lump sum |  |  |
| [drop box]                            | [drop box]   | number                                   | number   | number                               | number<br>generated | Euro generated             |  |  |
|                                       | TOTALS   | generate                                 | generate | generate                             | generated           | generated                  |  |  |

| Other Pledges Project reference: [MS/year/ST/number] (20 character)  |            |          |           |           |                     |                     |  |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| MS from which the beneficiaries of international protection have been transferred  Country of origin:  Number of adults  Number of adult females:  Number of unaccompanied minors  Total number × lump sum |            |          |           |           |                     | number ×            |  |
| [drop box]   | [drop box] | nuniber  | number    | number    | number<br>generated | Euro gene-<br>rated |  |
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|                            | SECTION A3: OPERATING SUPPORT PROJECTS  |                        |   |     |                     |                           |  |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| nation                     | nal Objective:  |                        | Project reference: [MS/start Year/O[v/b]/number] (20 character) |     |                     |                           |  |
| Projec                     | t name  | [90 characters]        |   |     |                     |                           |  |
| Beneficiary name: official |   | [90 characters]        | Beneficiary name: short name]                                   |     | ne] [20 characters] |                           |  |
|                            | '   |                        | Unit of measure   | Nun | nber                | Annual Union contribution |  |
| 1.1                        | Staff costs, including  | ng for training        | 1 FTE   |     |                     |                           |  |
| 1.2                        | Service costs (subcontracts) such as maintenance and repair   |                        | Number of contracts   |     |                     |                           |  |
| 1.3                        | Upgrading/replace   | ment of equipment      | Number of items   |     |                     |                           |  |
| 1.4                        | Real estate (depr<br>ment)  | eciation or refurbish- | Number of buildings concerned                                   |     |                     |                           |  |
| 1.5                        | 1.5 IT systems (operational management of VIS, SIS and new IT systems, rental and refurbishment of premises, communication infrastructure and security) |                        | j.  |     |                     |                           |  |
| 1.6                        | Operations (costs not covered by the previous above categories)   |                        |   |     |                     |                           |  |
| Total                      |   |                        |   |     |                     |                           |  |

|     | Provide a description for each   |                    |
|-----|--|--------------------|
| 1.1 | Staff costs, including for training (Indicate the services and tasks concerned and the main locations of assignment)   | [1 000 characters] |
| 1.2 | Service costs, such as maintenance and repair (Subcontracts) (Detail the 10 biggest contracts, with the indication of the scope and the period concerned)  | [1 500 characters] |
| 1.3 | Upgrading/replacement of equipment   | [500 characters]   |
| 1.4 | Real estate (depreciation or refurbishment)  | [500 characters]   |
| 1.5 | IT systems (operational management of VIS, SIS and new IT systems, rental and refurbishment of premises, communication infrastructure and security); IT systems (not included in any other category) | [1 000 characters] |
| 1.6 | Operations (costs not covered by the previous above categories)  | [1 500 characters] |

|  | SECTION A4: SPECIAL TRANSIT SCHEME PROJECTS                  |                    |                               |        |        |                                    |  |  |
|--|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Projec   | Project reference: [LT/start YEAR/TS/number] (20 characters) |                    |                               |        |        |                                    |  |  |
| Projec   | ct name  | [90 characters]    | Beneficiary name:             |        | [90 ch | aracters]                          |  |  |
| Project summary:   |  |                    | [350 characters]              |        |        |                                    |  |  |
| -  |  |                    | Unit of measure               | Number |        | Annual Union contribution<br>(EUR) |  |  |
| 1.1  | 1.1 Investment in infrastructure                             |                    | Number of buildings concerned |        |        |                                    |  |  |
| 1.2  | Training of staf   | Number of training |                               |        |        |                                    |  |  |
| 1.3 Additional operational costs, including salaries of staff specifically implementing the Scheme |  |                    | 1 FTE etc.                    |        |        |                                    |  |  |
| 1.4  | Visa foregone fees   | Number of visa     |                               |        |        |                                    |  |  |
|  | Total:   |                    |                               | -      |        | generated                          |  |  |

## SECTION B: ACCOUNTING DATA

Financial data may be completed at any time to record the events of a single financial year. The financial year consists of 16/10/N-1 to 15/10/N. Once the data has been entered, validated (signed) and sent to the Commission each year (by 15 February or extended to 1 March), the data and the summaries will be fixed and can no longer be changed.

The Responsible Authority of the Member States which have not adopted the euro shall keep accounts covering the amounts expressed in the currency in which the expenditure was incurred and the revenue received. However, to enable all their expenditure and revenue to be consolidated, they shall be able to provide the corresponding data in national currency and in euro in accordance with Article 43(2) of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014.

There is a line for each payment made. There should not be more than 13 payments per year per project. If necessary payments may be grouped in monthly batches to limit the total number of payments made in a year.

For pledges, payments should be recorded in monthly batches (i.e. all the payments made during a month are recorded in SFC2014 as a one single payment made at the end of the month).

Recovery orders or financial penalties are to be recorded as negative payments.

Some closure payments may also be made as zero payments.

| Project reference:  |  | [MS/]   | MS accounting reference                         | Is this a final pay-<br>ment?               |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Union contribution payments   | in financial year N                                | EUR   | [15 characters]                                 | Y/N   |
| Total Union contribution pai  | d in financial year N.                             | generated                                       |   |   |
| For multiannual projects: Cur   | nulated Union contribu                             | tion paid since the star                        | rt of the project:                              | generated                                   |
| Amount of the cumulative to<br>Union or national IT systems:  |  | paid to this project fo                         | r the maintenance of                            | Amount                                      |
| This project is in relation to ties   | or in third-countries w                            | hich implement the st                           | rategic Union priori-                           | [Yes/No]                                    |
| (If appropriate) In the case > 10 000 EUR each piece) in  | of final payments: Is a<br>cluded in this project? | the purchase of equip                           | ment (total value of                            | Y/N (If YES go to inventory                 |
| (If appropriate) In the case of value of > 100 000 EUR ) income   | Y/N (If YES go to inventory                        |   |   |   |
| Is a Union contribution recov   | ery planned?                                       | Amount of Union co                              | ntribution to be recov                          | ered:                                       |
| Without prejudice to any oth<br>Delegated Authority shall of<br>against any future payments<br>debt to that beneficiary | f-set any outstanding d                            | lebt of a beneficiary e                         | stablished in accordar                          | ice with national la                        |
| Y/N   |  | EUR   |   |   |
| Operational/financial on-the-<br>project:   | spot control for this                              | Y/N (if YES link to Se                          | ection C)                                       |   |
|   |  |   |   |   |
|   | TECH   | NICAL ASSISTANCE                                |   |   |
| For TA, payments should be as a single payment made at the year).   | recorded in batches (e.g<br>the end of the month   | g all the payments mad<br>or all the payments m | le during a month are<br>lade in a set number o | recorded in SFC201<br>of cost categories ov |
| Reference for Technical assistance:   | [MS/YEAR/TA-AMIF/<br>TA-ISF-B/TA-ISF-P]            | MS accounting refere                            | [15 characters]                                 |   |
| TA Union contribution paid  | n financial year N                                 |   | 11  |   |
| TA Total Union contribution   | paid in financial year N                           | N   | [generated]                                     |   |

| INVENTORY (if appropriate) for equipment with a total value of > 10 000 EUR and infrastructure costs > 100 000 EUR |       |                                  |                           |                  |      |  |  |
|--|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------|--|--|
| LINI)  |       | Serial number<br>(for equipment) | the equipment/intrastruc- |                  |      |  |  |
| ISF B/P  | [MS/] | Euro                             | [35 characters]           | [200 characters] | date |  |  |
| Description of equipment/describe infrastructure costs   |       |                                  | [350 characters]          |                  |      |  |  |

|   | SECTION                            | on C — ON THE SPOT<br>(completed by the R          |                 |                       |                     |  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
|   | Type of on the spot                | Dates of on th                                     | e spot control; | Date of final report: |                     |  |
| Project reference:                                    | control                            | from   | to              |                       |                     |  |
| [MS/]   | [drop box: operational — financial | [Date]   | [date]          | [date]                |                     |  |
| A: Total Union cor                                    | ntribution controlled:             | B: Amount of error detected in Union contribution: |                 |                       | % of error detected |  |
| [Euro]  |                                    | [Euro]   |                 |                       | % (generated: B/A)  |  |
| Case reported Irregularity Management System?  Yes/No |                                    |  |                 |                       |                     |  |
| Comments (option [2 500 characters]                   | al) e.g. types of irregulariti     | es and corrective meas                             | ures)           |                       |                     |  |

| SECTION D: DATA SUMMARY         |   |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Table FUND Financial Year N     |   |                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Specific objectives             | Total Union contribution paid in financial year N | %                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1: National Objective         | [generated]                                       | [generated]/Sp Ob       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2: National Objective         | [generated]                                       | [generated] Sp Ob       |  |  |  |  |  |
| n.n: National Objective         | [generated]                                       | [generated]/Sp Ob       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subtotal of National Objectives | Total generated                                   | [generated]/Total Sp Ob |  |  |  |  |  |
| SA1: Specific Action            | [generated]                                       | [generated]             |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAn. Specific Actions           | [generated]                                       | [generated]             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total SO1:                      | Total generated                                   | [Sp Ob/TOTAL]           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1;                            | [generated]                                       | [generated]/Sp Ob]      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subtotal of National Objectives | Total generated                                   | [generated]             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total SOn:                      | Total generated                                   | [generated]             |  |  |  |  |  |

| SECTION  | SECTION D: DATA SUMMARY                           |             |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------|--|--|--|
| Table FUND Financial Year N  |   |             |  |  |  |
| Specific objectives  | Total Union contribution paid in financial year N | %           |  |  |  |
| Pledges  | [generated]                                       | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Other pledges  | [generated]                                       | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Support  | [generated]                                       | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Schemes  | [generated]                                       | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Total Special cases  | Total generated                                   | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Technical assistance   | Total generated                                   | [generated] |  |  |  |
| Total Union contribution paid in year N for the national programme (EUR) | Total generated                                   |             |  |  |  |
| % of specific objective allocation                                       |   | [generated] |  |  |  |
| % of specific objective n/basic allocation                               |   | [generated] |  |  |  |

| ACCOUNT D   | ECLARATION OF PAYMENTS MAD<br>FINANCIAL YEAR N I            | DE (UNION CONT<br>FOR THE NATION | RIBUTION ONLY                | 7) FOR [MEMBER STATE] IN<br>IE  |  |  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Project reference<br>number   | Total Union contribution paid in financial year N (in EUR ) | Is there a final pecial year     | ear N?                       | If this project was not accepted in any previous annual account submissions |  |  |
| [generated]   | [generated]   | [generated]                      | [generated] [generate years] |   |  |  |
| [generated]   | [generated]   | [generated]                      |                              | [generate years]  |  |  |
| [generated]   | [generated]   | [generated]                      |                              | [generate years]  |  |  |
| [generated]   | [generated]   | [generated]                      |                              | [generate years]  |  |  |
| [generated]   | [generated]   | [generated]                      |                              | [generate years]  |  |  |
| Sum of total Union contribution paid in year N (EUR) on projects            |   |                                  | [Total generated             | d.[   |  |  |
| Total Union contribution paid in year N on TA (EUR)                         |   |                                  | [generated]                  |   |  |  |
| A: Total Union contribution paid in year N for the national programme (EUR) |   |                                  | [Total generated             | d][a]   |  |  |
| B: If applicable — Member State financial corrections                       |   |                                  | [+/- manual][b               | ]   |  |  |
| C: Payment requested  |   |                                  | [generated]                  |   |  |  |

| Member State financial corrections descrip | tion |  |  |
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|  |      |  |  |
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#### ANNEX II

## MANAGEMENT DECLARATION

Based on my own judgment and on all information available to me, including the results from all controls performed by or under the responsibility of the Responsible Authority (administrative, financial and operational on-the spot controls) in relation to the Union expenditure of the financial year [yyyy] and taking into account my obligations under Regulation (EU) No 514/2014, I declare that:

- the information in the accounts is properly presented, complete and accurate;
- the Union expenditure was used for its intended purpose in line with the national programme and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;
- the management and control system put in place for the national programme has functioned effectively during the financial year in reference and has given the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions, in conformity with the applicable law.

I confirm that any irregularity identified in final audit or control reports in reference to the financial year has been appropriately treated and that, where necessary, adequate follow-up was given to those reports.

The assurance is, however, subject to the following reservations: (up to 5 reservations may be added).

| 1 | [500 characters] |
|---|------------------|
| 2 | [500 characters] |
| 3 | [500 characters] |
| 4 | [500 characters] |
| 5 | [500 characters] |

Furthermore, I confirm that I am not aware of any undisclosed matter which could be damaging to the financial interest of the Union.

Name of Official: [50 characters] Title, Organisation: [90 characters]

Submission date: [date]

(Signature = validation and date of submission to the Commission)

One document may be attached to describe the remedial action plan and timetable for any reservations made.

#### ANNEX III

# ANNUAL SUMMARY OF FINAL AUDIT REPORTS AND of CONTROLS CARRIED OUT

#### A. FINAL AUDIT REPORT SUMMARIES

| Auditing body:   | Drop box: A   | op box: AA, COM, ECOA, MSCOA, other Year of audit [year] |                  |   |                           |                              |            |
|--|---------------|--|------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Audit reference  | [25 characte  | ers]   | Type of aud      | it  | [drop menu<br>mance or ot | : System: financial,<br>her] | re-perfor- |
| Scope of audit   |               | [90 characte   | ers]             |   |                           |                              |            |
| Overall summary of together with re Authority.   |               |  |                  | [900 charac   | ters]                     |                              |            |
| Overall audit conclusion, including identification of problems with a systemic character                       |               |  | [500 characters] |   |                           |                              |            |
| Estimated financial and operational impact of the weak-nesses identified                                       |               |  | of the weak-     | [500 charac   | ters]                     |                              |            |
| Corrective measures for the functioning of the system (action plan)  |               |  | the system       | [900 characters]                                    |                           |                              |            |
| State of implementation of corrective measures (including outstanding issues from audits previously submitted) |               |  |                  | Drop box: planned, in progress, implemented in full |                           |                              | ed in full |
| If applicable amo  | ount of finan | cial correction  | on made or       | Amount Eu   | ro                        |                              | =          |

## B: SUMMARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS CARRIED OUT DURING FINANCIAL YEAR N

# Provide:

- A summary of the control strategy adopted e.g. by type of Union expenditure, type of mode (executing and awarding mode);
- A description of the main results and of the type of errors detected;
- Conclusions drawn from these controls and, consequently, the corrective measures adopted or planned regarding the functioning of the system.

| [2 500 characters] |  |  |  |
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# C: SUMMARY OF THE ON-THE-SPOT CONTROLS CARRIED OUT DURING FINANCIAL YEAR N

# Provide:

- A summary of the control strategy adopted e.g. by type of Union expenditure, type of mode (executing and awarding mode);
- A description of the main results and of the type of errors detected; and

| _ | Conclusions drawn from these controls and | , consequently, | the | corrective | measures | adopted | or | planned | regardin | g the |
|---|---|-----------------|-----|------------|----------|---------|----|---------|----------|-------|
|   | functioning of the system.                |                 |     |            |          |         |    |         |          |       |

| [2 500 characters] |
|--------------------|

| List of financial on-the-spot controls carried out in financial year N |                      |  |  |                              |  |
|--|----------------------|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| Financial<br>year  | Project<br>reference | Total Union contribution controlled (EUR ) | Total Union contribu-<br>tion affected by error<br>(%) | Union contribution recovered | Union contribution to<br>be recovered (EUR ) |
| generated  | generated            | generated                                  | generated  | Manual                       | Manual                                       |
| generated  | generated            | generated                                  | generated  | Manual                       | Manual                                       |
| Total  |                      | Total generated                            | Total generated  | Total generated              | Total generated                              |

| Si   | ummary of operational on-   | the-spot controls carried o                                | ut in financial year N   |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Total number of on-the-<br>spot Operational<br>controls in financial<br>year (a) | Number of projects not<br>finalised at the start of<br>the financial year (b) | Number of projects<br>started in the financial<br>year (c) | Total number of projects being implemented during the financial year (d = b + c) | % of operational<br>on the spot<br>controls (a/d) |
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|                   | Overall summary of financial on-the-spot controls                      |  |                                  |   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Financial<br>Year | Total Union contribu-<br>tions controlled by<br>financial controls (a) | Total Amount of error<br>detected in Union<br>contribution (b) | % of error<br>detected (c = b/a) | Cumulated Union<br>contribution declared<br>for the projects fina-<br>lised (d) | % of financial on-the-<br>spot controls carried<br>out (e = a/d) |  |
| 2014              | generated  | generated  | generated                        | Generated   | generate   |  |
| 2015              | generated  | generated  | generated                        | Generated   | generate   |  |
| Total             | Total generated  | Total generated  | Total generated                  | Total generated   | Total generated  |  |

#### ANNEX IV

## **OPINIONS OF THE AUDIT AUTHORITY**

Please provide a brief description of the Audit Strategy, including the sampling methodology which enables the Audit Authority to draw valid conclusions on the whole population

[2 500 characters]

# A: AUDIT OPINION ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

To the European Commission, Directorate-General for Home Affairs

I, the undersigned, representing the [name of the authority], Audit Authority for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund/Internal Security Fund in [Member State] have examined the functioning of the management and control systems of the [AMIF/ISF] as well as the documents and information drawn-up by the Responsible Authority under Article 44 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 and Article 59(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 that serve as the request for payment of the annual balance for the financial year N in order to issue an audit opinion in accordance with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 and Article 59(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012. I have reached the following conclusions here-below.

# A: OPINION: UNQUALIFIED, QUALIFIED OR ADVERSE (select 1 opinion)

#### Unqualified opinion on the validation of the accounts

Based on the examination referred to above, it is my opinion that the accounts for financial year N give a true and fair view and the Union expenditure for which reimbursement has been requested from the Commission is legal and regular.

# Qualified opinion on the validation of the accounts

Based on the examination referred to above, it is my opinion that the accounts for financial year N give a true and fair view and the Union expenditure for which reimbursement has been requested from the Commission is legal and regular, except with regard to the following points:

| A | [500 characters] |
|---|------------------|
| В | [500 characters] |
| С | [500 characters] |
| D | [500 characters] |
| Е | [500 characters] |

Therefore I estimate the impact of the qualification(s) is [limited]/[significant]. This impact corresponds to [amount in EUR] and [%] of the total Union contribution declared.

# Adverse opinion on the validation of the accounts

Based on the examination referred to above, it is my opinion that the accounts for financial year N do not give a true and fair view and the Union expenditure for which reimbursement has been requested from the Commission is not legal and regular.

| This adverse opinion is based on: |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   |  |
| [900 characters]                  |  |

#### B. OPINION ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

Scope of the examination

The examination in respect of this programme was carried out in accordance with my audit strategy in respect of this national programme and taking into account internationally accepted auditing standards, with reference to the financial year N, and reported in the audit report [include reference — do not attach].

B: OPINION: UNQUALIFIED, QUALIFIED OR ADVERSE (select 1 opinion)

# Unqualified opinion

Based on the examination referred to above and with regard to the programme, I have reasonable assurance that the management and control systems put in place function properly.

# Qualified opinion

Based on the examination referred to above and with regard to the programme, I have reasonable assurance that the management and control systems put in place function properly except in the following respect(s):

| A | [500 characters] |
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| В | [500 characters] |
| С | [500 characters] |
| D | [500 characters] |
| Е | [500 characters] |

In case the management and control systems are affected, indicate the body or bodies and the aspect(s) of their systems that did not comply with requirements and did not operate effectively.

My reasons for considering that this (these) aspect(s) of the systems did not comply with the requirements or did not operate effectively are as follows:

| A | [500 characters] |
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| В | [500 characters] |
| С | [500 characters] |
| D | [500 characters] |
| Е | [500 characters] |

Therefore I estimate the impact of the qualification(s) is [limited]/[significant]. This impact corresponds to [amount in EUR] and [%] of the total Union expenditure declared.

## Adverse opinion

Based on the examination referred to above and with regard to the programme, I do not have reasonable assurance that the management and control systems put in place comply with the requirements of Articles 21, 24 and 27 of Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 and function properly.

This adverse opinion is based on:

[900 characters]

My reasons for considering that this (these) aspect(s) of the systems did not comply with the requirements or did not operate effectively are as follows:

[900 characters]

Therefore I estimate the impact of the qualification(s) is [limited]/[significant]. This impact corresponds to [amount in EUR] and [%] of the total Union contribution declared.

The Audit Authority may also include emphasis of subject matter, not affecting their opinion, as established by internationally accepted auditing standards. A disclaimer of opinion can be foreseen in exceptional cases. These exceptional cases should be related to unforeseeable, external factors outside the remit of the Audit Authority.

[500 characters]

# C. VALIDATION OF THE MANAGEMENT DECLARATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

As an overall opinion, based on the examinations referred to above points A and B it is my opinion that the audit work carried out: [select one]

Does not put in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration.

OR

Puts in doubt the assertions made in the management declaration for the following aspects:

| A | [500 characters] |
|---|------------------|
| В | [500 characters] |
| С | [500 characters] |
| D | [500 characters] |
| Е | [500 characters] |

| Date of validation  | [date]          |
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| Full name and authority (By validating and sending this it is deemed signed.) | [90 characters] |