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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 33(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 21 September 2009, The United Kingdom submitted through the computer system for data exchange with the Commission a request for the revision of the operational programme "Lowlands and Uplands of Scotland ERDF Regional Competitiveness and Employment programme" for Community assistance from the European Regional Development Fund under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective in the region of the Lowlands and Uplands of Scotland in the United Kingdom, adopted by Commission Decision C(2007)4504 of 27 September 2007.
- (2) The proposed revision of the operational programme is justified by significant socio-economic changes and major changes in Community, national and regional priorities as in point (a) and point (b) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 65(g) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 by written procedure, on 24 July 2009, the monitoring committee considered and approved the proposal to amend the content of Decision C(2007)4504, in particular as regards the text of the operational programme and its financing plan.
- (4) Decision C(2007)4504 should therefore be amended accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision C(2007)4504 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 3(1) is replaced by the following:

"The maximum amount of assistance from the European Regional Development Fund granted under the operational programme, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 375,957,844 and the maximum co-financing rate is set at 41.32%."

- (2) In Article 3(3), the second, third, fourth and fifth subparagraphs are replaced by the following:

"The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis Research and Innovation is set at 37.29% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ERDF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 92,109,671.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis Enterprise Growth is set at 40% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ERDF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 122,186,299.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis Urban Regeneration is set at 48% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ERDF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 101,508,618.

The maximum co-financing rate for priority axis Rural Development is set at 40% and the maximum amount for assistance from the ERDF to that priority axis, as calculated with reference to the total eligible public and private expenditure, is set at EUR 51,130,268."

- (3) Annex I is replaced by the text set out in Annex I to this Decision.

- (4) Annex II is replaced by the text set out in Annex II to this Decision.

*Article 2*

In accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 56(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, new expenditure resulting from the amendments referred to in Article 1 of this Decision shall be eligible from 21 September 2009.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 22.1.2010.

*For the Commission*  
*Paweł Samecki*  
*Member of the Commission*

**ANNEX I**

Amended operational programme

**ANNEX II**

Amended financing plan