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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2019/881 on ENISA (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) and on information and communications technology cybersecurity certification and repealing Regulation (EU) No 526/2013 (Cybersecurity Act)<sup>1</sup> ('the Regulation'), and in particular Article 20.5 thereof. This states that the Executive Director shall obtain the prior consent of the Commission, as well as that of the ENISA Management Board before deciding to establish any local offices. Such a decision is also subject to further conditions, including the provision of a cost-benefit analysis and the consent of the Agency's hosting EU Member State and that of the EU Member State which may host the local office.

Whereas:

- (1) Establishing an effective structured cooperation with CERT-EU, as stipulated under Article 7.2 and 7.5 of the Cybersecurity Act, is regarded by the Agency as an important aim linked to the establishment of a local office presence, and is based on an agreement between the Agency and CERT-EU.
- (2) The Agency furthermore justifies the establishment of such a local office "with a view to implement structured cooperation with CERT-EU and to maintain regular and systematic cooperation with Union institutions, bodies and agencies (including CERT-EU, EEAS, Europol and European Defense Agency) and other competent bodies involved in cybersecurity (including the NIS Cooperation Group), in order to benefit from synergies and avoid duplication of activities."
- (3) The Management Board of ENISA has agreed to the establishment of such local office.
- (4) After formal request pursuant to the legal provisions of the Cybersecurity Act, both the Greek Government, as the Member State in which the seat of the Agency is located, and the Belgian Government, as the Member State in which the local office will be hosted, gave their positive opinion for the establishment of the local office in Brussels, Belgium
- (5) A relevant cost-benefit analysis has been produced by the Agency outlining that a local presence in Brussels will make implementation of specific tasks assigned to ENISA more efficient and effective, and lead to cost reductions and economies of scale.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 2019/881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 concerning ENISA (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) and on information and communications technology cybersecurity certification and repealing Regulation (EU) No 526/2013 (Cybersecurity Act)

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Commission gives its consent to the Executive Director of ENISA to establish a local office of the Agency in Brussels, Belgium.

Article 2

The decision shall take effect on the day after its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 23.6.2021

*For the Commission*  
*Thierry BRETON*  
*Member of the Commission*