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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 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species¹, and in particular of Article 4(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 provides that a list of invasive alien species of Union concern ('the Union list') is to be adopted on the basis of the criteria laid down in Article 4(3) thereof and meeting the conditions laid down in Article 4(6), which stipulates that the implementation costs, the cost of inaction, the cost-effectiveness and the socio-economic aspects must be given due consideration.
- (2) The Commission has concluded on the basis of the available scientific evidence and the risk assessments carried out pursuant to Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 that all criteria set out in Article 4(3) of that Regulation are met for the following invasive alien species: *Baccharis halimifolia* L., *Cabomba caroliniana* Gray, *Callosciurus erythraeus* Pallas, 1779, *Corvus splendens* Vieillot, 1817, *Eichhornia crassipes* (Martius) Solms, *Eriochoir sinensis* H. Milne Edwards, 1854, *Heracleum persicum* Fischer, *Heracleum sosnowskyi* Mandenova, *Herpestes javanicus* É. Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1818, *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* L. f., *Lagarosiphon major* (Ridley) Moss, *Lithobates (Rana) catesbeianus* Shaw, 1802, *Ludwigia grandiflora* (Michx.) Greuter & Burdet, *Ludwigia peploides* (Kunth) P.H. Raven, *Lysichiton americanus* Hultén and St. John, *Muntingia calabura* L., *Myocastor coypus* Molina, 1782, *Myriophyllum aquaticum* (Vell.) Verdc., *Nasua nasua* Linnaeus, 1766, *Orconectes limosus* Rafinesque, 1817, *Orconectes virilis* Hagen, 1870, *Oxyura jamaicensis* Gmelin, 1789, *Pacifastacus leniusculus* Dana, 1852, *Parthenium hysterophorus* L., *Perccottus glenii* Dybowski, 1877, *Persicaria perfoliata* (L.) H. Gross (*Polygonum perfoliatum* L.), *Procambarus clarkii* Girard, 1852, *Procambarus* sp. (marbled crayfish), *Procyon lotor* Linnaeus, 1758, *Pseudorasbora parva* Temminck & Schlegel, 1846, *Pueraria montana* (Lour.) Merr. var. *lobata* (Willd.) (*Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi), *Sciurus carolinensis* Gmelin, 1788, *Sciurus niger* Linnaeus, 1758, *Tamias sibiricus* Laxmann, 1769, *Threskiornis aethiopicus* Latham, 1790, *Trachemys scripta* Schoepff, 1792, *Vespa velutina nigrithorax* de Buysson, 1905.
- (3) The Commission has also concluded that those invasive alien species meet all of the conditions set out in Article 4(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014. In particular, some of those species are already established in the territory of the Union or even widely spread in certain Member States and there may be cases where it is not possible

¹ OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 35-55.

to eradicate such species in a cost-effective manner. However, it is appropriate to include those species in the Union list, as there are other cost-effective measures that can be implemented: to prevent new introductions or further spread in the territory of the Union; to promote early detection and rapid eradication of species where they are not yet present or not yet widely spread; and to manage them, as appropriate to the specific circumstances of the Member States concerned, including by fishing, hunting or trapping, or any other type of harvesting for consumption or export, provided that these activities are carried out within a national management programme.

- (4) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Invasive Alien Species,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list set out in the Annex to this Regulation shall constitute the initial list of invasive alien species of Union concern pursuant to Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth 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 all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission

The President

[...]

[Choose between the two options, depending on the person who signs.]

On behalf of the President

[...]

[Position]