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<u>Subject:</u> Amendment of Annex B to the Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-21

Dear Mr Karro,

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 2.5 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA) proposes that Annex B to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of Estonia be amended as specified in the track changes version of Annex B to the MoU attached to this letter.

This MoU modification concerns the reallocation between the EE-INNOVATION and EE-LOCALDEV programmes. Total savings of € 1 000 000 were identified in the EE-Innovation programme while the EE-LOCALDEV programme has identified a need for additional funds to meet the exceptional price increases, affecting specifically the cultural heritage projects under Outcome 4 of the programme. The additional funding should be made available to all seven already contracted projects. Currently Outcome 4 of the programme is solely financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism (FM) but with the proposed modification it will be financed by both the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms.

The NMFA requests your agreement to this amendment by replying to this letter. This letter and your affirmative letter in reply shall result in the amendment of Annex B to the MoU and the amendment shall enter into force on the date of your letter in reply. Upon entry into force, the MoU with the amended Annex B shall be published on the websites of the National Focal Point and the Financial Mechanism Office.

Yours sincerely,

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