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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Decision No 2119/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 1998 setting up a network for the epidemiological surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(c) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 2 of Commission Decision 2002/253/EC⁽²⁾, the case definitions laid down in the Annex to that Decision should be updated to the extent necessary on the basis of the latest scientific data.
- (2) In accordance with Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 851/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a European Centre for disease prevention and control⁽³⁾ (ECDC), the ECDC provided, at the request of the Commission, a scientific opinion on case definitions aiding the Commission and the Member States in the development of intervention strategies in the field of surveillance of and response to communicable diseases.
- (3) The case definitions already listed in the Annex to Decision 2002/253/EC for HIV/AIDS, diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease), hepatitis B and C, meningococcal disease, mumps, legionellosis, congenital rubella, shiga toxin/verocytotoxin producing Escherichia coli infection (STEC/VTEC), salmonellosis and leptospirosis should be updated on the basis of that scientific opinion provided by ECDC.
- (4) A generic case definition of antimicrobial resistance, a generic definition of nosocomial infections, a number of specific case definitions of nosocomial infections, and a case

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definition for tick-borne encephalitis should also be added to the Annex to Decision 2002/253/EC on the basis of that scientific opinion provided by ECDC.

- (5) For the purpose of clarity, it is appropriate to restructure the Annex to Decision 2002/253/EC in order to ensure that case definitions for communicable diseases are in a separate list from those for special health issues, and that, within each list, the case definitions appear in numerical order.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up by Decision No 2119/98/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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- (1) OJ L 268, 3.10.1998, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 86, 3.4.2002, p. 44.
- (3) OJ L 142, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

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