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Functions and responsibilities of the national authorising officer

1 A national authorising officer shall be appointed by the beneficiary country. He shall be a high-ranking official in the government or the state administration of the beneficiary country.

2 The national authorising officer shall:

- a as the head of the national fund, bear overall responsibility for the financial management of EU funds in the beneficiary country; he shall be responsible for the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions;
- b be responsible for the effective functioning of management and control systems under the IPA Regulation.

3 For the purposes of paragraph 2(a), the national authorising officer shall in particular fulfil the following tasks:

- a provide assurance about the regularity and legality of underlying transactions;
- b draw up and submit to the Commission certified statements of expenditure and payment applications; the national authorising officer shall bear overall responsibility for the

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- accuracy of the payment application and for the transfer of funds to the operating structures and/or final beneficiaries;
- c verify the existence and correctness of the co-financing elements;
 - d ensure the identification and immediate communication of any irregularity;
 - e make the financial adjustments required in connection with irregularities detected, according to the provisions of Article 50;
 - f be the contact point for financial information sent between the Commission and the beneficiary country.
- 4 For the purposes of paragraph 2(b), the national authorising officer shall in particular fulfil the following tasks:
- a be responsible for issuing, monitoring and suspending or withdrawing the accreditation of the operating structures;
 - b ensure the existence and effective functioning of systems of management of assistance under the IPA Regulation;
 - c ensure that the system of internal control concerning the management of funds is effective and efficient;
 - d report on the management and control systems;
 - e ensure that a proper reporting and information system is functioning;
 - f follow-up the findings of audit reports from the audit authority, in accordance with Article 30(1);
 - g immediately notify the Commission, with a copy of the notification to the competent accrediting officer, of any significant change concerning the management and control systems.
- 5 Pursuant to the responsibilities laid down in paragraphs 2(a) and (b), the national authorising officer shall draw up an annual statement of assurance, as defined in Article 27.

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