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Dear Mr [redacted]

According to Article 35(1) of Regulation 2021/1147, Article 29(1) of Regulation 2021/1148, and Article 30(1) of Regulation 2021/1149 the Commission received on 14 February 2024 the annual performance reports for the Member State programmes of Poland under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Border Management and Visa Instrument, and the Internal Security Fund for the accounting year covering the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.

Following the assessment of the reports, we would like to make some observations on the content, with a view to the preparation of next years' reports. Please find our main observations in the annex to this letter in accordance with Article 35(3) of Regulation 2021/1147, Article 29(3) of Regulation 2021/1148, and Article 30(3) of Regulation 2021/1149.

No formal resubmission is requested.

Yours sincerely,

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Observations on the Annual Performance Reports 2023 – AMIF, BMVI and ISF – Poland

General:

In general, we would like to draw your attention to the Revised Background Note on the Annual Performance Report, which was sent on 26 January 2024 (ref. Ares (2024)613788), which is intended to describe and elaborate on the aim, scope and detailed reporting requirements of the annual performance reports.

AMIF, BMVI and ISF:

Section 1.1:

The reports indicate the slow progress achieved during the reporting period. The Managing authority is strongly advised to undertake all the necessary steps and efforts to speed up the implementation and to report accordingly.
In the next Annual Performance Report, the Managing Authority is advised to provide an explanation for the delays encountered when reporting on the actual implementation progress (per Specific Objective and including the quantitative data).

Section 1.3:

The late adoption of the Programmes has been identified as the reason why significant changes affecting the progress cannot yet be indicated. Therefore, the Managing Authority is invited to describe in the next Annual Performance Report any aspects (such as procedural delays, administrative capacity, and context changes) that may affect progressing towads the Specific Objectives and the respective mitigation measures taken to address the challenges.

Section 1.5:

This section indicates that during the reporting period it was not possible to implement the identified projects allocated under the Specific Actions within the accounting year. Hence, the Managing Authority is encouraged to proceed with the timely implementation and duly report on progress and achievements in the next Annual Performance Report, including the relevant available data to be filled in the Specific Actions table within this section.

Section 2:

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The Managing Authority is equally encouraged to continue the necessary regular exchanges and cooperation with the relevant Ministries and authorities in order to ensure in the best possible way complementarity and potential synergies. Concerning the AMIF, for instance, the next year's report should provide related information on the (upcoming) calls for proposals on Third Country Nationals Integration Centres.

Section 3:

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Section 4:

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Section 5:

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Section 7:

This section summarises the previous sections of the Annual Performance Reports. The drafting of future summaries should aim to provide a better overview of the state of implementation of the programmes. Therefore, the Managing Authority is strongly encouraged to consider the following recommendations for future reports:

- Please refer strictly to the reporting period (e.g. avoid including in the summary section the Specific Actions that were allocated after the reporting period).

- Please provide further insight on the implementation of the programmes describing the progress towards the targets and set milestones.
- Kindly include all the relevant information and the issues highlighted in the previous sections. For instance, more information on concrete elements contribuiting to the overall delay in implementation could have been included.
- Please avoid repetitions and present information more concisely.
- Please avoid any acronyms.

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