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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2021/1764 of 5 October 2021 on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 82 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Wallis and Futuna for 2024 and 2025, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme for 2024 and 2025, in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (4) To allow for flexibility in implementing the action plan, it is appropriate to determine which changes should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) The action provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission communication 'The European Green Deal' and the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 355, 7.10.2021, p. 6.

<sup>3</sup> See [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu). Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

<sup>4</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary

- (6) The Commission has adopted the national multiannual indicative programme for Wallis and Futuna for the period 2021-2027<sup>5</sup>, which sets out the following priorities: sustainable socio-economic development with a focus on sustainable tourism.
- (7) The multiannual action plan to be financed under Decision (EU) 2021/1764 aims to promote the sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development of Wallis and Futuna by developing sustainable tourism.
- (8) The action entitled ‘European programme to support the sustainable and rational development of the tourism sector in Wallis and Futuna’ aims to: continue opening up Wallis and Futuna and promote the destination; invest in training and develop skills to strengthen local capacities; develop sustainable services based on circularity; and enhance natural and cultural heritage to boost the local economy, including sustainable tourism.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, applicable in accordance with Article 81 of Decision (EU) 2021/1764, the action is to be implemented through indirect management.
- (10) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the EU’s financial interests with regard to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of EU funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation. To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4) of the Financial Regulation<sup>6</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of that Regulation.
- (11) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 90 of Decision (EU) 2021/1764,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1* **Action plan**

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual action plan for the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Wallis and Futuna for 2024 and 2025, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: European programme to support the sustainable and rational development of the tourism sector in Wallis and Futuna, set out in the Annex.

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matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_interinst/2020/1222/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2020/1222/oj)).

<sup>5</sup> Commission Implementing Decision adopting 9 multiannual indicative programmes for Overseas Countries and Territories for the period 2021-2027, C(2021)9164 final of 15.12.2021.

<sup>6</sup> Except for the cases referred to in Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide not to require an *ex ante* assessment.

*Article 2*  
**EU contribution**

The maximum EU contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2024 (EUR 17 400 000) and 2025 (EUR 3 000 000) is set at EUR 20 400 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.050200.01 of the EU's general budget.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the EU's general budget for 2025, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

*Article 3*  
**Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons**

Actions implemented through indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.4.2 of the Annex.

*Article 4*  
**Flexibility clause**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the maximum EU contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature or objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 29.11.2024

*For the Commission*  
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