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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) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009², and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan part III in favour of the Americas and the Caribbean for 2022 and 2023, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual programme part III, for 2022 and 2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The actions provided for in this Decision contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Americas and the Caribbean⁴ for the period 2021-2027, which sets out the following priorities: 'Green Transition', 'Digital Transformation and Innovation', 'Sustainable and Inclusive Economy', 'Democratic Governance, Security and Migration', and 'Social Cohesion and Addressing Inequalities'.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the geographic programme 'the Americas and the Caribbean' is to contribute to the EU's

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ 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.

⁴ Decision C(2021)9356 of 13.12.2021.

overall strategic objectives for its external action, as laid out by the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Americas and the Caribbean for the period 2021-2027. It will support the green transition and social cohesion in Mexico and contribute to addressing inequalities in the country.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Green Global Challenges in Mexico’ aims to support Mexico in pursuing a net decarbonisation and climate-resilient path, enabling green transition and sustainable growth in view of complying with its climate targets under the Paris Agreement. The action entitled ‘Stronger public finance policies and administrations to reduce inequalities in Mexico (EU4Equity)’ has the objective to contribute to the reduction of inequalities and the increase of social cohesion by strengthening state and municipal public finances in Mexico. The action entitled ‘Promoting formal economy and supporting jobs formalisation in Mexico (EU4decent work)’ aims at promoting decent work for women and men in all their diversity, in particular for the people most vulnerable and at risk in Mexico.
- (7) The Commission should acknowledge and accept contributions from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement. Where such contributions are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action entitled ‘Green Global Challenges in Mexico’, for the action entitled ‘Stronger public finance policies and administrations to reduce inequalities in Mexico (EU4Equity)’ and for the action entitled ‘Promoting formal economy and supporting jobs formalisation in Mexico (EU4decent work)’.
- (9) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁵ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (10) 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.
- (11) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *The action plan*

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual action plan for the implementation of the multiannual action plan part III in favour of the Americas and the Caribbean for 2022 and 2023, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

⁵ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Green Global Challenges in Mexico, set out in Annex I;
- (b) Stronger public finance policies and administrations to reduce inequalities in Mexico (EU4Equity), set out in Annex II;
- (c) Promoting decent work and supporting jobs formalisation in Mexico (EU4DecentWork), set out in Annex III.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022-2023 is set at EUR 21 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) General budget of the Union for 2022: budget line 14.020140: EUR 9 000 000;
- (b) General budget of the Union for 2023: budget line 14.020140: EUR 12 000 000.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2023 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3

Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3 of the Annex I, point 4.3 of the Annex II and point 4.3 of the Annex III.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁶ 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 provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

⁶ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

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, 16.12.2022

For the Commission
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