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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 for Bolivia, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, 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 National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁴, which sets out the following priorities: (1) Environment, Climate Change and Inclusive Economic Development and (2) Governance and Human Rights.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Americas and the Caribbean' are

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 Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of a multiannual indicative programme for Bolivia for the period 2021-2027, C(2021)8999 final of 14.12.2021.

to support climate change adaptation, fight against gender-based violence and good governance in Bolivia.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Climate change adaptation through watershed, forest and disaster risk management and governance’ aims at contribution to environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and sustainable economic development by improving conservation, restoration and sustainable management and use of forests and biodiversity, improving integrated water resources management and strengthening environmental governance.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Fight against gender-based violence’ aims at operationalising a comprehensive and sustainable System to End Violence Against Women and Girls, through a top down component to accompany legislative and policy reforms and improve data collection and analysis, and a bottom-up component to enhance comprehensive services to victims and prevention measures at local level.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Strengthening Good Governance in Bolivia’ aims at promoting democracy, peace culture and institutional transparency in the post-crisis context, by strengthening the electoral system and democratic culture and supporting the fight against corruption within the Bolivian Police. 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.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (10) 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.

- (11) 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.
- (12) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the multiannual 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.
- (13) 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,

⁵ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The multiannual action plan

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual action plan for the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Bolivia for 2022 and 2023 to be financed from the general budget of the Union for Climate Change Adaptation, Fight against Gender-based Violence and Good Governance, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The multiannual action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Climate change adaptation through watershed, forest and disaster risk management and governance set out in Annex I;
- (b) Fight against gender-based violence set out in Annex II;
- (c) Strengthening Good Governance in Bolivia set out in Annex III.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan for 2022 and 2023 is set at EUR 47 000 000, for an amount of EUR 2 500 000 for 2022 and for an amount of EUR 44 500 000 for 2023, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union :

- General budget of the Union for 2022: budget line 14.020140: EUR 2 500 000;
- General budget of the Union for 2023: budget line 14.020140: EUR 44 500 000.

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 draft general budget of the Union for 2023 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary 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 4.4.2 of Annex I and 4.3.1 of Annexes II and III.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and 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

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

Regulation provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and 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, 16.12.2022

For the Commission
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