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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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) No 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(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the individual measure for International Climate Governance, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged action is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The action provided for in this Decision contributes to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement. The activities will contribute to the external dimension of the European Green Deal and aim at securing a successful outcome of the COP26 summit to be held in 2021 in Glasgow (United Kingdom) and the preparations of the COP27 in 2022.
- (4) The objectives pursued by this measure, to be financed under the Regulation (EU) No 2021/947, are to support the participation of developing countries that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change in the global climate governance regime. The overall objective of this action is that COP26 and associated events lead to agreements which are both ambitious and have the contribution and support of all countries, in particular Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The specific objective of this action is that developing countries contribute to successful COP26 and UNFCCC processes.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ 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.

- (5) In the present case, the programming document relevant for the measure is foreseen to be adopted in autumn 2021. However, the present action has to be urgently adopted in order to timely commit and use the funds needed for the EU to fulfil its international commitment to support the participation of developing countries in upcoming events such as the UNFCCC COP26, which will take place in November 2021. In order to make the necessary arrangements in a timely manner, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision. At the same time, no other means of financing this measure are available at present. It is therefore justified in the present case to adopt an individual measure pursuant to Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 that is not based on a programming document.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 of 9 June 2021, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (7) 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (8) 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (9) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (10) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (11) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual measure for the implementation of the individual measure for International Climate Governance as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2021 is set at EUR 6 800 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in Budget line 14.020241 of the general budget of the Union:

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

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 Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.1 of the Annex.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, 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, 4.11.2021

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission