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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) for action plans thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of multiannual action plan for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (Prosperity) for 2022-2023 part 2, 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 thematic programme for Global Challenges⁴. Under the 'Prosperity' priority, the programme aims to support global dimension of the efforts needed to create and promote decent, green jobs, especially for women and young people. Furthermore it aims to progress in human development, including training, skill development and re-skilling to accompany the green and digital transitions, and promote climate-neutral, sustainable economic development and resilient economies.

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 C(2021)9157 of 15.12.2021

- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 thematic programme ‘Global Challenges’ are to scale up private and public investments in the spirit of an inclusive, low-emission, climate-resilient green economy; to foster sustainable economic growth by advancing in more equitable digital transformation and quality infrastructure; and through action in key domains that provide jobs and trade opportunities for many.
- (6) The action entitled ‘Sustainable Aquatic and Agricultural Food Systems’ will promote the priorities of the European Consensus on Development and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, across SDGs that link with the ‘zero hunger’ (SDG2) ambitions. It contributes to the overall objective of the Global Challenges Prosperity pillar to ‘induce progress in human development and advance the Green Deal goal of promoting climate-neutral and sustainable economic development across the SDG framework, as well as ensuring follow-up to the UNSG’s Food Systems Summit (UNFSS), by globally supporting the transition to sustainable and equitable food systems.
- (7) The Commission should acknowledge and accept contribution(s) from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement, Where such contribution(s) are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimated of conversion should be made.
- (8) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (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 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.
- (1) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

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.

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 for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (Prosperity) for 2022-2023 part 2, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: Sustainable Aquatic and Agricultural Food Systems set out in Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022-2023 is set at EUR 81 186 457.00, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- budget line 14.020242 – Global Challenges Prosperity: EUR 81 186 457.00;

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 Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.2 of Annex.

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, considering each financial year separately, 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).

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.

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

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex selected in accordance with point 4.3.1. of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2022

For the Commission
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