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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) 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 Union¹, 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 (1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Turkmenistan for 2024-2027, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which is to constitute the annual work programme for 2024, in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509.
- (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 action provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’⁴ and in the Inter-institutional 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 matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁵.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁶, which sets out the following priorities: i) green aspects of the economy and (ii) improving the business climate.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Asia and the Pacific’ are to

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

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 COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁵ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁶ [2502657b-bde8-4dca-ae9f-ec89e5c8a0c3_en \(europa.eu\)](https://2502657b-bde8-4dca-ae9f-ec89e5c8a0c3_en.europa.eu)

enhance the EU-Turkmenistan partnership and promote the EU's long-term interest in supporting Turkmenistan's re-engagement with the outside world, while supporting its more sustainable, inclusive and democratic development, with special focus on vulnerable groups, to leave no one behind.

- (6) The action entitled 'EU - Turkmenistan Cooperation Facility 2024-2027' aims at i) enhancing the effectiveness of the EU-Turkmenistan relations and policy dialogue and increasing awareness and understanding of the EU and its role in the country, the region and the world; ii) improving the alignment of Turkmenistan with international rule of law and human rights standards, including labour rights and gender equality; iii) enhancing the effectiveness of implementation of climate change measures that incorporate Paris Agreement and Global Methane Pledge requirements including on emissions reduction, green transition and the improvement of the business climate.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c), of the Financial Regulation and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the actions.
- (8) 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 157(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 157(4) of the Financial Regulation⁷ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) thereof, 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 the Financial Regulation.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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 in favour of Turkmenistan for 2024-2027, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: "EU – Turkmenistan Cooperation Facility 2024-2027" set out in the Annex.

Article 2 *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan for 2024-2027 is set at EUR 7 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget lines of the general budget of the Union:

⁷ Except for the cases of Article 157(7) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

- (a) BGUE-B2024-14.020130-C1-INTPA EUR 4 000 000;
- (b) BGUE-B2025-14.020130-C1-INTPA EUR 2 000 000;
- (c) BGUE-B2026-14.020130-C1-INTPA EUR 1 000 000.

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 2025-2027 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 4.3.4 of the Annex.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁸ 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 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, 17.12.2024

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁸ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.