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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(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan for Colombia for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2024. 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 Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁴ for Colombia for the period 2021-2027 which sets out the following priorities: Peace and Environment.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Americas and the Caribbean' are to support the implementation of the Peace Agreement through support to rural reform, sustainable use of biodiversity, the re-integration of former combatants and addressing inequalities as a root cause of poverty and inequality.

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) 8995, 14.12.2021

- (5) The action entitled ‘Territorial Alliance for Peace and Nature’ aims to advance the economic and socially sustainable use of natural resources in Colombia in line with the Integrated Rural Reform of the Peace Agreement.
- (6) The action entitled ‘Project Future: private sector and communities in action for peace’ aims to contribute to the peace consolidation efforts in Colombia, to improve the living conditions of individuals, especially those most affected by the conflict, victims, former combatants, youth, women in all their diversity, and receiving communities.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Global Gateway Facility for Colombia’ aims to contribute to the implementation of increasingly transformative and equitable sustainable strategies in Colombia through a more coordinated and effective implementation of the Global Gateway Investment Agenda for Colombia.
- (8) The objective and design of the all actions fulfil the criteria for Official Development Assistance established by the OECD/DAC, as per the requirements of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, contributing to the sustainable development of partner countries and the implementation of the 2030 agenda by Colombia. The countries benefiting from the action which are included in the list of ODA recipients, are identified in the respective action document.
- (9) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (10) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for proposals and a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.
- (11) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (15) 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 action plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Colombia for 2024, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Territorial Alliance for Peace and Nature set out in Annex I;
- (b) Project Future: private sector and communities in action for peace set out in Annex II;
- (c) Global Gateway Facility for Colombia set out in Annex III.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2024 is set at EUR 28 400 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line:

- budget line BGUE-B2024-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 28 400 000;

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 Annexes, 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 I.

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 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 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.

Article 5
Grants

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

Launching a call for proposals under a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision shall be authorised as of the date set out in points 4.3.1 of Annex II.

Article 6
Procurement

Launching calls for tender under a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision shall be authorised as of the date set out in point 4.3.2 of Annex II, and point 4.3.1 of Annex III.

Done at Brussels, 2.8.2024

For the Commission

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