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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) 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 480/2009<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

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 966/2012<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision C(2022)8927 final of 30.11.2022 the Commission has adopted the annual action plan in favour of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea for 2022.
- (2) The subject of this substantial amendment is the change of method of implementation from direct management to indirect management for the actions: ACT 61297 - South Bougainville Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Programme and ACT 61288 - Strengthening Transparent and Accountable Governance in Papua New Guinea. The insufficient quality of the technical assistance recruited for the preparation of technical specifications and related supply contract documents and the low quality of the documents provided resulted in delays to timely launch the tender procedure. Hence, the Delegation will be unable to finalise a procurement tender before the deadline for signing of contracts of the current decision (N+1 date of 31.12.2023). This amendment would allow the Delegation to contract the funds in indirect management before the N+1 date and still implement the supply components foreseen under the actions in subject albeit through a different implementation modality.
- (3) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2022)8927 final of 30.11.2022 should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The amendments provided for in this Decision do not fall within the categories of amendments for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The Committee

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this amending decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

Commission Decision C(2022) 8927 final of 30.11.2022 is amended as follows:

Annex II (Action Document for South Bougainville Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) Programme) and Annex III (Action Document for Strengthening Transparent and Accountable Governance in Papua New Guinea), to the Commission Decision C(2022) 8927 final of 30.11.2022 are replaced by the Annexes to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 21.11.2023

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