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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) 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) On 11 November 2022 the Commission adopted Implementing Decision C(2022) 8030 final³.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁴.
- (3) The action ‘Promoting inclusive and gender sensitive reconciliation and peace building in Ethiopia’ set out in Annex 1 aims to promote sustainable peace and social cohesion in Ethiopia by strengthening inclusive and gender sensitive dialogue and social fabric at different levels. It will take a two-pronged approach with on the one hand, support in addressing local tensions and building social cohesion and, on the other, in boosting conflict affected population’s efforts in recovering and rebuilding their lives.
- (4) The action was extended from 36 months to 60 months in March 2023⁵. Given the complexity of the activities, the design and negotiation phases lasted longer than planned, hence the extension of the implementation period had to be extended beyond November 2025.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 11.11.2022 on the financing of the individual measures in favour of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for 2022 (part 2) (C(2022) 8030 final).

⁴ 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.

⁵ Ref. Ares (2020)2265540-29/03/2023.

- (5) In order to respond to additional priorities given the changing context in Ethiopia, after the signature of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement in November 2022, it is necessary to amend the action to incorporate the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR) component following Ethiopia's national reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. The new component has a strong community based approach, which provides services and support to former combatants and local communities in the Northern part of the country.
- (6) To effectively respond to the pressing DDR needs in Ethiopia, the overall amount of this action has been increased by EUR 10 000 000, increasing the total Union contribution from EUR 10 000 000 to EUR 20 000 000.
- (7) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2022) 8030 final should be amended accordingly.
- (8) This amending decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 8030 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

“The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure in favour of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for 2022 (part 2) is set at EUR 95 000 000 (EUR 85 000 000 for exercise N; EUR 10 000 000 for exercise year N+1) and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020121 of the general budget of the Union.

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”.

- (2) Annex 1 to the Commission Decision C(2022) 8030 final is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 8.12.2023

For the Commission
Margaritis SCHINAS
Vice-President