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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 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Implementing Decision C(2020)2658³, the Commission adopted the annual action programme in favour of the Asia Region for 2020.
- (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) Two non-substantial changes were carried out by the responsible authorising officer under the flexibility provision in Article 4 of Implementing Decision C(2020)2658. The first non-substantial change⁵ concerned the reassignment of funds between the different actions and an increase in the amount of the financing by EUR 5 000 000, from EUR 51 000 000 to EUR 56 000 000. Funding from actions 2020/041-896 and 2020/041-892, of EUR 5 000 000 and EUR 2 000 000, respectively, was shifted to the action “Responding to the needs of the Rohingya population in Cox’s Bazar, Rakhine State and host communities in Bangladesh” (ACA/2020/042-344). EUR 5 000 000 were added to the same action to provide additional support to the refugee camps in Cox’s Bazar in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)2658 final of 22 April 2020 on the financing of the annual action programme in favour of the Asia region for 2020 part 2.

⁴ ww.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 Signed on 1.7.2020, Ares(2020)3454022.

- (4) The second non-substantial change⁶ concerned a top-up of EUR 3 000 000 to the action “Responding to the needs of the Rohingya population in Cox's Bazar, Rakhine State and host communities in Bangladesh” to provide additional support to the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This increased the Union's financing from EUR 56 000 000 to EUR 59 000 000.
- (5) As the maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 has changed, Article 2 of Implementing Decision C(2020)2658 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) Given the changed political circumstances in Myanmar following the coup d'état of 1 February 2021, the action “Support to voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable repatriation of displaced Myanmar populations from Thailand to Myanmar” (ACA/2020/041-892) should be revised. The title, overall objective and specific objectives should be amended to reflect the new reality on the ground.
- (7) The revised action still focusses on support to the Southeast of Myanmar. However, rather than creating conditions for the return of long-term refugees, the action now directly supports the people in the Southeast of Myanmar, including Internally Displaced Persons, host communities and new arrivals from other parts of Myanmar seeking refuge. In addition, given the expected increase in the number of people leaving Myanmar and crossing the border into Thailand, the action will provide assistance to those who reach Thailand in the aftermath of the coup d'état and provide support in their endeavor to return to Myanmar if and when conditions allow.
- (8) Therefore, Implementing Decision C(2020)2658 should be amended accordingly.
- (9) The amendments provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established by Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Implementing Decision C(2020)2658 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, second paragraph, the third indent is replaced by the following:
“- ‘Towards durable solutions for displaced Myanmar populations along the Thai-Myanmar border’, set out in Annex III;”.
- (2) in Article 2, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:
“The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2020 is set at EUR 59 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the line 21.020200 of the general budget of the Union”.

⁶ Signed on 5.8.2020, Ares(2020)4141548.

(3) Annex III is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2021

For the Commission
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