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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 (hereafter referred to as ‘Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe’ or as ‘Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of 9 June 2021’), and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual support measure and cooperation facility for Asia and the Pacific for 2022-2024, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual³ financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2022, 2023 and 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 TFEU⁴.
- (3) The action provided for in this Decision contributes to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programmes (MIPs) for the period 2021-2024 for Bangladesh⁵, Bhutan⁶, Cambodia⁷, Fiji, Iran⁸, Iraq⁹,

¹ OJ L 193 of 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209 of 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ Multiannual financing decision shall always constitute a multiannual action plan/measure.

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 C(2021)9079 of 14.12.2021.

⁶ C(2021)9084 of 14.12.2021.

⁷ C(2021)9076 of 14.12.2021.

⁸ C(2021)9094 of 14.12.2021.

⁹ C(2021)9133 of 15.12.2021.

Kyrgyzstan¹⁰, Maldives¹¹, Mongolia¹², Nepal¹³, Pakistan¹⁴, Papua New Guinea¹⁵, Philippines¹⁶, Sri Lanka¹⁷, Tajikistan¹⁸, Timor-Leste¹⁹, Uzbekistan²⁰, Vietnam²¹, Regional Asia Pacific²²; Joint Programming for the period 2021-2024 for Lao People's Democratic Republic²³. Each of these programmes include a component that foresees the implementation of support activities through support measures and/or cooperation facilities.

- (5) The objective pursued by the multiannual support measure to be financed under Regulation (EU) 2021/947, geographic programme 'Asia and the Pacific' is to ensure a swift preparation and follow-up of actions, projects and programs. It also enables the European Commission to act with flexibility by means of an instrument that is capable of adapting itself to evolving circumstances and/or dealing with unforeseen situations.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (7) 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)²⁴ of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (8) 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.
- (9) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the support measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI-Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

¹⁰ C(2021)8987 of 14.12.2021.

¹¹ C(2021)8994 of 14.12.2021.

¹² C(2021)9051 of 14.12.2021.

¹³ C(2021)9053 of 14.12.2021.

¹⁴ C(2021)8992 of 14.12.2021.

¹⁵ C(2021)8989 of 14.12.2021.

¹⁶ C(2021)8998 of 14.12.2021.

¹⁷ C(2021)9291 of 15.12.2021.

¹⁸ C(2021)9315 of 15.12.2021.

¹⁹ C(2021)9071 of 14.12.2021.

²⁰ C(2021)9137 of 14.12.2021.

²¹ C(2021)8997 of 14.12.2021.

²² C(2021)9251 of 15.12.2021.

²³ C(2021)9087 of 14.12.2021.

²⁴ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide not to require an ex-ante assessment.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual measure for the implementation of the multiannual support measure and cooperation facility for Asia and the Pacific for 2022-2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2022, 2023 and 2024 is set at EUR 62 900 930, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union.

For the year 2022:

- (a) budget line 14 02 01 30 (Middle East and Central Asia): EUR 6 763 300;
- (b) budget line 14 02 01 31 (South and East Asia): EUR 11 614 378;
- (c) budget line 14 02 01 32 (The Pacific): EUR 1 705 100.

For the year 2023:

- (d) budget line 14 02 01 30 (Middle East and Central Asia): EUR 6 113 300;
- (e) budget line 14 02 01 31 (South and East Asia): EUR 13 414 378;
- (f) budget line 14 02 01 32 (The Pacific): EUR 4 205 100.

For the year 2024:

- (g) budget line 14 02 01 30 (Middle East and Central Asia): EUR 6 113 230;
- (h) budget line 14 02 01 31 (South and East Asia): EUR 11 366 981;
- (i) budget line 14 02 01 32 (The Pacific): EUR 1 605 163.

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 and 2024, following the adoption of those budgets 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 4.4.4 of the Annex.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000, not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated

changes²⁵ 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 (provided that 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, 26.10.2022

For the Commission
Jutta URPILAINEN
Member of the Commission

²⁵ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.