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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(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the 2021 Annual Action Plan in favour of the Republic of Cabo Verde, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. 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 actions provided for in this Decision contribute to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁴ for the period 2021-2027 which sets out the following priorities 'Governance for Human Development and Equality' and 'Green Economy for decent Jobs and inclusive growth'.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe geographic programme 'Neighbourhood' geographic programme 'Sub-Saharan

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 Commission Implementing Decision adopting a multiannual indicative programme for the Republic of Cabo Verde for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9367 final of 13.12.2021.

Africa’ are to foster a transformational shift towards an inclusive green growth economic model, to focus on an integrated approach addressing development, security and governance, and to strengthen the strategic partnership between the EU and Cabo Verde.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Sustainable Development Goal Contract for Inclusive and Green Growth’ pursues contributing to poverty reduction by reducing inequalities through investments in social protection, education and gender and to be conducive to an inclusive green growth model.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Technical Cooperation Facility for an inclusive Green Growth Compact’ aims at enabling the EU to foster strategic reforms and accompanying key actions on ‘Green deal’ issues and to strengthening the strategic partnership between the EU and Cabo Verde. It will pay particular attention to the promotion of EU values and enhance public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the EU-Cabo Verde relationship. It will also support policy dialogue and the implementation of programmes and projects developed in the 2021-2027 Multi-Annual Indicative Programme.
- (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 action plan 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 action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument– Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *The action plan*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the 2021 Annual Action Plan in favour of the Republic of Cabo Verde for 2021, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Sustainable Development Goal Contract for Inclusive and Green Growth set out in Annex 1;
- (b) Technical Cooperation Facility for an Inclusive Green Growth Compact set out in Annex 2.

Article 2 *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2021 is set at EUR 21 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 14.020120 – Western Africa of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 or cumulated changes⁵ 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, 16.12.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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