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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 and 24 for support measures thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of support measures in favour of El Salvador for 2022, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2022. 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 Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁴ (MIP 2021-2027) for the period 2021-2027⁵, which sets out the following priorities: (1) Digitalization; (2) Green Transition; (3) Governance and Human Development; as well as “Support Measures to support all priority areas.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe geographic programme ‘Americas and the Caribbean’ are to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the MIP 2021-2027 and Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs) in two components: (1) EU communication and public diplomacy actions and

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 C(2021)9492 of 16.12.2021.

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision adopting a multiannual indicative programme for El Salvador for the period 2021-2027 C(2021)9492 final of 16.1.2021.

- (2) Technical assistance to support the identification, formulation and implementation of actions under the MIP 2021-2027 and TEIs, including EFSD+.
- (5) The action entitled ‘EU-El Salvador Cooperation Facility 2022-2024’ will support the implementation of the MIP 2021-2027 for El Salvador by two specific objectives: (1) Efficient implementation of the MIP 2021-2027 in El Salvador; (2) Improved awareness, understanding and perception among general public audiences of the EU’s partnerships with El Salvador.
- (6) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.
- (7) 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.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee is required. The European Parliament and the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 of 9 June 2021 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the support measures in favour of El Salvador for 2022, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022 is set at EUR 2 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line BGUE-B2022-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 2 500 000 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 draft general budget of the Union for 2022, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

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 changes 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.

Article 4
Procurement

Launching a call for tender under a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision shall be authorised as of the date set out in point 4.3.1 of the Annex: EU-El Salvador Cooperation Facility 2022-2024.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission