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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 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the support measure in favour of the Republic of Zimbabwe for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes part of the annual work programme, for 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 TFEU³.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁴, which sets out the following priorities: good governance and citizens' rights, green economic growth, and social recovery and human development.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the support measure "Cooperation Facility for Zimbabwe" to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic region 'Sub-Saharan Africa' is to support objectives of EU interest, which are outlined in the Zimbabwe's National Development Strategy (2021-2025), the implementation of the EU-Zimbabwe MIP 2021-2027 and other EU priorities in the country.
- (5) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.

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 Zimbabwe for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9056 final of 14.12.2021.

- (6) 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.
- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing decision, constituting the measure for the implementation of the support measure in favour of the Republic of Zimbabwe for 2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action : Cooperation Facility for Zimbabwe.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2024 is set at EUR 5 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020122 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 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.

⁵ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

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 4.4.2 of the annex.

Done at Brussels, 1.2.2024

For the Commission
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Partnerships