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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) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup>, 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 480/2009<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 23(1) and (3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the individual measure in favour of The Republic of the Sudan for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2024. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('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 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The objectives pursued by the annual measure to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Sub-Saharan Africa' are to ensure the protection of human rights and improve the living conditions of people displaced by the armed conflict in Sudan.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 the use of individual measure without a programming document is in this case justified to support the vulnerable population of Sudan in displacement affected areas. The Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP) for Sudan is on hold following political developments in the country in October 2021. Sudan conflict that started in April 2023 has displaced millions of people inside and outside the country. In this context, support to issues linked to protection, human rights, livelihoods and primary education is paramount.
- (5) The action entitled "Socio-economic integration of children and young people and protection of the human rights of groups at risk in displacement affected communities in Sudan" aims to contribute to the protection of human rights and improve the living

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.

conditions of people displaced by the armed conflict in Sudan, in particular children, young people and groups at risk, and to mitigate the risks of irregular migration, trafficking of human beings, criminality, and recruitment by the warring parties. It focuses on protection and reintegration of groups at risk, support to employment and income generation and supporting the return of children to primary schools through school feeding.

- (6) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (8) 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 157(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 157(4) of the Financial Regulation<sup>4</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1* *The measure*

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

The measure shall include the following action:

- Socio-economic integration of children and young people and protection of the human rights of groups at risk in displacement affected communities in Sudan set out in the Annex.

#### *Article 2* *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2024 is set at EUR 95 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union :

- budget line 14.020121: EUR 95 000 000.

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

### *Article 3*

#### *Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the action 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 4.4.2 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, or cumulated changes<sup>5</sup> 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 5*

#### *Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex selected in accordance with point 4.4.1 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 27.11.2024

*For the Commission*

*Jutta URPILAINEN*

*Member of the Commission*

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