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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) for action plans thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Americas and the Caribbean for 2024 part IV and 2025 part I, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2024 and 2025. 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 should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'⁴ and in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources.

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 COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme⁵ for the Americas and the Caribbean for the period 2021-2027, which sets out the following priorities: ‘Green Transition’, ‘Digital Transformation and Innovation’, ‘Sustainable and Inclusive Economy’, ‘Democratic Governance, Security and Migration’, and ‘Social Cohesion and Addressing Inequalities’.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the NDICI geographic programme ‘Americas and the Caribbean’ are to contribute to the EU’s overall strategic objectives for its external action, as laid out by the Multi-Annual Indicative Programme for the Americas and the Caribbean. It will seek to build partnerships with Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries and advance the external dimension of the European Commission’s policy priorities, notably the Green Deal and the digital transformation and innovation.
- (6) The action entitled Euroclima (Global Gateway) has the objective to support LAC countries in achieving a green and just transition, to help them to adapt to and mitigate climate change, with a particular focus on the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the development and implementation of their national biodiversity strategy and action plans (NBSAPs). The Commission should acknowledge and accept contributions from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement. Where such contributions are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made. The objective and design of the action, identified with number ACT-62289 and title Euroclima (Global Gateway), fulfil the criteria for Official Development Assistance established by the OECD/DAC, as per the requirements of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, contributing to the sustainable development of partner countries and the implementation of the 2030 agenda. The countries benefiting from the action which are included in the list of ODA recipients, are identified in the respective action document. For three countries without a bilateral MIP (Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay) the action seeks specific support in form of a dedicated budget (“window”) to support the implementation of their renewable energy strategies, particularly in the area of renewable hydrogen.
- (7) The action entitled EU Contribution to the Amazon Fund – Brazil aims to halt deforestation and ensure sustainable development in the Brazilian Amazon under principles of environmental and social sustainability with a view to mitigate climate change and to adapt to the effects of climate change on forests and people's livelihoods.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of both actions.
- (9) 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) of the Financial Regulation⁶ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.

⁵ C(2021)9356, 13.12.2021.

⁶ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

- (10) 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.
- (11) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the multiannual action plan, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) The action plan 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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the Multiannual Action Plan for 2024 part IV and 2025 part I in favour of the Americas and the Caribbean, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- Euroclima (Global Gateway), as set out in Annex 1;
- EU Contribution to the Amazon Fund – Brazil, as set out in Annex 2.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2024 and 2025 is set at EUR 75 million, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14020140 of the general budget of the Union:

- Year 2024: EUR 16 million;
- Year 2025: EUR 59 million.

Including (in year 2024):

- Country window Argentina: EUR 4 million;
- Country window Brazil: EUR 3 million;
- Country window Uruguay: EUR 2 million.

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 2025 following the adoption of that budget 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 Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3 of both Annexes.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes⁷ 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, where 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, 20.6.2024

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁷ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.