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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 480/2009, and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Angola for 2023, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2023. 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 TFEU².
- (3) The actions provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'³ and 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 resources⁴.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁵, which sets out the following priorities: Sustainable economic

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² 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.

³ COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁴ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision on a Multiannual Indicative Programme for Angola for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9359 final of 15.12.2021.

diversification; Transparent, accountable and effective governance; Human development.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Sub-Saharan Africa’ are to support Angola’s sustainable economic diversification, while reinforcing the relevant governance systems.
- (6) The action entitled ‘Initiative for a sustainable and strategic Blue Economy in Angola’ aims to promote a strategic and sustainable blue economy in Angola, including the conservation and sustainable management of marine resources and coastal ecosystems in the context of climate change.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Support to upgrade the value chain of Solid Waste Management and adoption of a Circular Economic Model’ aims to improve solid waste management and scale up circular economy, while boosting decent job creation, private sector development and green entrepreneurship.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Strengthening the Rule of Law and Justice in Angola’ aims to strengthen the Rule of Law and justice for all citizens and especially for women, youth, people living with disabilities and people living in rural areas in Angola.
- (9) The action entitled ‘Bridging the Gap: capacity building for Civil Society Organisations’ aims to contribute empowering civil society in Angola as a governance and development actor, defending and promoting human rights and democracy, as well as to improve its safe and enabling environment.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the 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.
- (14) 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,

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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the the annual action plan in favour of Angola for 2023, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) ‘Initiative for a sustainable and strategic Blue Economy in Angola’ set out in Annex 1;
- (b) ‘Support to upgrade the value chain of Solid Waste Management and adoption of a Circular Economic Model’ set out in Annex 2;
- (c) ‘Strengthening the Rule of Law and Justice in Angola’ set out in Annex 3;
- (d) ‘Bridging the Gap: capacity building for Civil Society Organisations’ set out in Annex 4.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2023 is set at EUR 90 000 000, 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
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 4.4.1 of Annex 1, Annex 2, and Annex 3, and in points 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 of Annex 4.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, 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.

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

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, 1.12.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission