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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, (hereafter referred to as ‘Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe’ or as ‘Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of 9 June 2021’), and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Federal Republic of Somalia for 2023-2024, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2023-2024. 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 actions provided for in this Decision contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁴, which sets out the following priorities: Governance and Peace Building, Inclusive and Green Economic Growth, Resilience Building and Social Inclusion.

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 Decision on the adoption of the Multiannual indicative programme for the Federal Republic of Somalia for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9070 final of 14.12.2021.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Sub-Saharan Africa’ are to promote the sustainable development and stability in the Federal Republic of Somalia.
- (6) The action entitled ‘Somalia State and Resilience Building Contract – Phase 2’ aims to improve citizens-state relations in Somalia, by increasing the effectiveness and responsiveness of nascent public institutions in delivering public goods to the population.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Green Energy and Economic Development (GEED)’ aims to promote affordable, low-carbon, productive energy as well as climate adaptation solutions that strengthen productivity and climate-resilient agri-food systems through a market-based approach.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Social Protection for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change (SPARCC)’ seeks to improve the resilience of Somali communities to climate change, reduce inequalities and improve health and nutrition outcomes.
- (9) The action entitled ‘Women’s Economic and Social Empowerment’ aims to enhance women’s economic and social empowerment through the inclusion of women’s perspectives in business dialogue and facilitating access to finance for women entrepreneurs and, in complementarity, challenge the root causes of inequality by addressing underlying gender biases.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the actions.
- (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 Regulation⁵ 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 allow 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 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 the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Federal Republic of Somalia for 2023-2024, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

⁵ 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 action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Somalia State and Resilience Building Contract – Phase 2, set out in Annex 1;
- (b) Green Energy and Economic Development (GEED), set out in Annex 2;
- (c) Social Protection for Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change (SPARCC), set out in Annex 3;
- (d) Women’s Economic and Social Empowerment, set out in Annex 4.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2023-2024 is set at EUR 89 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union :

- (a) budget line BGUE-B2023-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 69 500 000;
- (b) budget line BGUE-B2024-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 20 000 000.

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 2024 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 4.4.2 and 4.4.3 of Annex 2 and 4, and point 4.4.1 of Annex 3.

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 considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes⁶ 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).

Done at Brussels, 1.8.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁶ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.