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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) No 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) No 2021/947 of 9 June 2021’), and in particular Article 23(2) and Article 43 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Sub-Saharan Africa of 2022-2026 Part 2, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 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 Multiannual Indicative Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa for the period 2021-2027⁴, which sets out the following priorities: human

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 adopting a multiannual indicative programme for Sub-Saharan Africa for the period 2021-2027 C(2021) 9373 final of 15.12.2021

development; governance, peace and security, culture; green transition; digital and science, technology and innovation; sustainable growth and decent jobs; migration and forced displacement.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) are to tackle challenges related to internal mobility through education and skills, migration, terrorism; to scale up climate adaptation finance and resilience action in Sub-Saharan Africa; and to contribute to address some of the most pressing joint priorities of the EU and the targeted regions and to support the implementation of the Regional Multiannual Indicative Programme.
- (6) The Action 1 entitled “Regional dimension of the Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies (MAV+) in Africa (part II)” aims at supporting the development of regulatory systems on the African continent and the establishment of the African Medicines Agency (AMA), with a view of reinforcing African pharmaceutical systems.
- (7) The Action 2 entitled “Regional Teacher Programme for Africa” aims at fostering impact at the continental, regional and national levels and to maximize the impact of EU bilateral support to education. The Regional Teacher Programme will contribute to accelerating change through promoting innovative practices, sharing of experiences in both policy and practices across countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and to strengthen and expand ongoing continental and regional initiatives.
- (8) The Action 3 entitled “PALOP-TL regional economic governance programme – boosting Public Finances Management Systems and budget oversight” intends to enhance regional and continental (Intra-Africa) integration for improved quality of education and skills development; and EU-Africa policy dialogue and cooperation in the fields of education, skills development, youth learning mobility, and teacher governance, leadership, training and professional development.
- (9) The Action 4 entitled “Support the Harmonization of pan-African Electoral Capacities” intends to contribute to improving electoral processes in Africa and is thus aligned with Aspirations 3 (good governance, democracy, respect for Human Rights, justice and the rule of law), 4 (Peace and security) and 6 (people-driven development, especially women and youth) of Agenda 2063.
- (10) The Action 5 entitled “Regional Support to Youth in Africa” intends to contribute to the main Commission objectives and strategic documents such as the European Consensus for Development and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Africa Union (AU) Agenda 2063. Directly or indirectly, this initiative will contribute to all 17 SDGs. The action is also in line with EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, which is the framework for EU youth policy cooperation aiming to promote the participation of young people in democratic life, social and civic engagement. It focuses on three core areas of action: engaging, connecting, empowering.
- (11) The Action 6 entitled “Gulf of Guinea Interregional Network Extended - GOGIN II” The proposed Action intends to contribute to Priority area 2, Specific Objective 2 and Expected Results 2.4 of the Regional MIP for Sub-Saharan Africa. It aims to contribute to improving maritime safety and security in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) in order to favour economic development of countries, notably the blue economy sector, but also to enhancing the EU and Member States’ role as maritime security providers/actors in the GoG. Since May 2021, all regional centres of the Yaoundé

Architecture have been given access and use the platform and the rollout of Yaoundé Architecture Regional Information System has been intensified in order to give it a real/full regional reach.

- (12) The Action 7 entitled “The regional project on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region – Phase II” is a second phase of a project coming to an end in 2022 and will be based on two pillars (i) peace and security, (ii) natural resources. The Action would represent a substantial building block of a potential Regional TEI “Building peace and security in the Great Lakes Region through responsible mining” in creating a conducive environment for improved governance and control, while responding to the EU Responsible Minerals Regulation 2017/821.
- (13) The Action 8 entitled “Peaceful and resilient borderlands” intends to address causes of instability and conflict and contribute to strengthened capacities on conflict prevention and mitigation by cross-border communities, as well as enabling the economic recovery and the strengthening of the resilience and social cohesion of these territories. To achieve this, an integrated approach will be applied, covering peace- building and resilience building, including resilience to climate change, capitalizing on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus approach. The action will be carried out in complementarity and coordination with both EU and non-EU funded actions (including nexus actions and green deal sector related actions) at national and regional level, including relevant Regional Economic Communities and other regional stakeholders.
- (14) The Action 9 entitled “EU contribution to the Adaptation Fund” will enhance climate adaptation and resilience mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa as well as Small Island Developing States. The Adaptation Fund - a major international instrument under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change - finances projects and programmes addressing adaptation needs in a number of sectors, including agriculture; disaster risk reduction; food security; forestry; rural development; urban development; and water management.

The Union contribution to the Adaptation Fund should be implemented under direct management in line with this Decision. The use of other budget implementation instruments would substantially limit the achievements in terms of EU influence, coordination and impact and would not allow the achievement of the Union objectives at the same level nor scale.

The EU contribution to the Adaptation Fund should comply with the general principles applicable to Union financing, including equal treatment with other donors, adequate reporting on the results achieved, sound financial management as well as appropriate systems to prevent and combat irregularities and fraud including the possibility for the request of information and the carrying out of joint audit, control, or investigative missions.

- (15) The Action 10 entitled “EU Regional Support to the Great Green Wall” will provide regional support for policy, outreach and advocacy efforts, enhance capacities, reinforce impact monitoring systems, share and boost knowledge and expertise, and encourage sharing of lessons, innovation and best practices between Great Green Wall -related projects and stakeholders. The Great Green Wall is a flagship African initiative to regreen the Sahel from Senegal to Somalia, grouping a mosaic of projects related to food security, sustainable agri-food systems, sustainable energy, job creation, addressing desertification, climate change and biodiversity loss and, more broadly, resilience, stability and sustainable development.

- (16) The Action 11 entitled “Programme d’appui aux organisations spécialisées de la CEEAC pour l’opérationnalisation du marché régional et le développement des énergies renouvelables” aims at supporting the establishment of the regional electricity market in Central Africa by operationalising the regional market and increasing the share of renewable energy in the energy mix with a view to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It will support the development of electricity generation and transmission infrastructure, the establishment of the integrated regional market (infrastructure construction and development of regulatory frameworks) and the promotion of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency. This action aims to speed up the implementation of the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative (AEGEI) in Central Africa.
- (17) The Action 12 entitled “Regional clean cooking Action in West Africa (ReCCAWA)” aims at increasing and sustaining the access to clean, efficient, sustainable and affordable cooking energy solutions in West Africa by strengthening the clean cooking enabling framework at regional and national scales, by proposing innovative financing and market-based approaches, adapted to the region that will scale up the supply, dissemination and adoption of clean cooking solutions, and by creating and disseminating evidence-based data, knowledge, and impact evaluation, critical to the good governance of the sector and its market uptake.
- (18) The Action 13 entitled “Kariba Dam Rehabilitation project (KDRP) – Reshaping of the plunge pool (PP) 2nd phase (KDRP-PP-II)” supports the completion of the Action laid down in the 11th EDF programme Kariba Dam Rehabilitation Project (ZM/FED/031-570). It comprises the reshaping and stabilization of the plunge pool and the refurbishing of the spillway gates. Once the works are completed, the stability and proper functioning of the Kariba Dam will be ensured: the installed generation capacity of 2,130 MW will be maintained in the long term, while the risk of dam failure will be downgraded.
- (19) The Action 14 entitled “Programme d’appui aux organisations spécialisées de la CEDEAO actives dans le secteur de l’énergie pour le développement du marché régional de l’électricité et l’opérationnalisation de son réseau interconnecté ainsi que, l’accroissement de la part des énergies renouvelables dans le mix énergétique” aims at supporting the operationalisation of ECOWAS’ regional electricity market and increasing the share of renewable energy in the energy mix. This action aims to speed up the implementation of the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative (AEGEI) in West Africa.
- (20) The Action 15 entitled “One Stop Shop for Green Energy Investments and an Africa-EU energy partnership” aims at contributing to the achievement of universal access to energy and transition towards renewable energy in Sub-Saharan Africa. It will enhance support to private sector investments in clean energy production and access to electricity in partner countries. This is achieved in the form of contributing to an enhanced pipeline of bankable renewable energy projects which are linked with relevant financial instruments. This action aims at accelerating the implementation of the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative (AEGEI). 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.
- (21) The Action 16 entitled “Programme régional d’appui au développement de l’économie pastorale en Afrique de l’Ouest et au Sahel – PRADEP-AOS” aims at improving and

enhancing the contribution of the livestock sector to the transformation of sustainable food systems and to inclusive and resilient green growth of the economies of the West African and Sahel countries. To this end, it will strengthen the resilience of the economy of pastoral and agro-pastoral households.

- (22) The Action 17 entitled “Projet d’Appui à la Stratégie régionale de stockage de sécurité alimentaire en Afrique de l’Ouest” will support the capacities of regional organizations and technical bodies and of West African and Sahelian governments and private sector in particular, to mitigate the effects of the 2022 food crisis and the rise in prices of agricultural inputs, affecting the 2022 and 2023 agro-pastoral production seasons. The role of the Regional Reserve, physical and financial stocks, will be enhanced as well as its support, guidance and strengthening of the capacities of national entities (private and public ones) in relation to food production, trade and storage to ensure food security.
- (23) The Action 18 entitled “NaturAfrica Phase 1” aims to tackle biodiversity loss while improving the sustainable quality of life of local communities living in Key Landscapes for Conservation and Development (KLCD) in Sub-Saharan Africa. At landscape level, the action will improve conservation, management and use of biodiversity and ecosystems’ goods and services in KLCDs for the benefit of nature and local communities and in particular women, youth and vulnerable populations (indigenous peoples and local communities). At regional level, it will improve cross-border and cross-regional governance for conservation and management of transfrontier KLCDs.
- (24) The Action 19 entitled “Blue Africa” aims to effectively support the implementation of the TEI on Transboundary Water Management (TWM) for Development and Regional Integration in Africa. It will build on and further support the strengthening of Pan-African Architecture that governs, anchors, and is accountable for delivery of a wide Pan-African water security agenda, enabling the continental institutional framework, with its regional building blocks, of governance, monitoring, knowledge management and investments; and enabling environment for water governance, Water Energy Food Ecosystem nexus and Integrated Water Resources Management of basin management institutions and participatory management.
- (25) The Action 20 entitled “Data Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa” addresses in a strategic and comprehensive manner all the potential around how data can be leveraged for the uptake of the digital economy. It would support data governance frameworks, infrastructure and services in selected regions in Africa for the emergence of regionally harmonized data economies. This will ultimately serve the development of a single digital market in selected regions, where data can flow across borders, personal data are protected, and local private sector can leverage data value chains on the basis on continental regulation (thus avoiding silos single markets within regions). Formulated with interested member States, the Action would reinforce Team Europe efforts undertaken within the Digital for Development (D4D) Hub. Activities would be specifically contextualized under the EU-AU Data Flagship that aims at strengthening an inclusive African data-driven economy and society in line with the conclusions of the 6th EU-AU Summit.
- (26) The Action 21 entitled “Scientific and technological support to regional Centres of Excellence related to green transition” aims at increasing Science Technology and Innovation (STI) capacities of regional Centres of Excellence (CoE) and improving their contributions to policy and decision-making processes. This Action will aim at

addressing STI green transition challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa providing scientific and technological support to regional Centres of Excellence in areas such as biodiversity, forest, agrifood systems, water, oceans, climate change and energy.

- (27) The Action 22 entitled “Africa Trade Competitiveness and market access” will contribute to increase sustainable intra-African and EU-Africa trade and mobility, by enhancing market access and export competitiveness for selected value chains. It will support national, regional and continental actors to improve their capacity to effectively design, manage and implement economic agreements in coherence with the African continental economic integration process. Support will be provided both at institutional and policy level, as well as at private sector level, with a primary focus on selected key export-oriented regional priority value chains.
- (28) The Action 23 entitled “Trade in services in Sub-Saharan Africa” intends to contribute to the liberalisation of services with an aim to increase Sub-Saharan Africa’s (SSA) competitiveness, to boost sustainable economic growth, to attract investment, to create decent jobs, and to benefit consumers. This Action will address the fragmented panorama of Trade in Services in Sub-Saharan Africa focusing on identification of trade barriers, definition of Trade in Services policies and liberalisation commitments, private sector involvement and awareness of export opportunities, and regulatory framework accessibility and harmonisation.
- (29) The Action 24 entitled “Institutional support in the domain of the governance of road transport” aims to support road transport governance in Sub-Saharan Africa. It will focus on promoting efficient plan of sustainable investments in road network of regional interest; improving resilient and climate-proof road asset management, corridor efficiency and multimodal logistics; implementing and monitor harmonised and inclusive road transport strategies, policies, laws, regulations, standards and institutions. The expected impact is a reduction of costs for trade and to an ease in mobility of persons, thus fostering growth of an integrated African economy and job opportunities.
- (30) The Action 25 entitled “Regional initiative to support African Central Banks through capacity building” aims to create a multilateral cooperation initiative, aimed at promoting financial stability and integration in Africa. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the macroeconomic and financial stability of African countries by strengthening central bank capacities and addressing major challenges, such as governance issues, financial stability and resilience as well as strategic planning and international cooperation.
- (31) The Action 26 entitled “Improving Economic Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa” aims to leverage the IMF’s expertise and its ‘trusted advisor’ status to SSA countries’ and will support reforms in domestic revenue mobilization and public financial management (PFM), financial sector stability and monetary policy operations, economic analysis and forecasting, relevant legal frameworks, reporting of financial and macroeconomic statistics, etc. The action will enable continued support for SSA countries in managing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and achieving a strong and sustainable recovery, furthermore it will enable countries to complete the reforms initiated before the pandemic, including efforts toward regional integration. The Action will assist SSA countries to tackle climate related challenges through economic policies. The IMF Regional Capacity Development Centers are also stepping up support on digitalization and big data, gender imbalances and increasing support to fragile states. The Action will target almost all the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

- (32) The Action 27 entitled “The initiative to support public-private dialogue and business cooperation within the EU-AU partnership” aims to identify and/or consolidate joint opportunities in the spirit of the Comprehensive Strategy with Africa and the Africa-Europe Alliance for sustainable investment and jobs. The EU-Africa Business Forum is a highly visible event, hitherto organised jointly by the Commission and the African Union where both showcase key initiatives and interact with a high-quality audience of business leaders. It is an opportunity for business representatives to discuss policy reforms in Africa with key policy makers (B2G), with the objective to improve the trade and investment environment. It is also a platform for direct interaction between EU and African business (B2B) with dedicated sessions organised sector by sector.
- (33) The Action 28 entitled “Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa” aims to protect stranded and vulnerable migrants and the provision of assisted voluntary returns and sustainable reintegration. Funded by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa between 2016 and 2022, the EU-IOM Joint Initiative (JI) assisted almost 75,000 individuals in search and rescue operations, supported assisted voluntary return for almost 110,000 migrants, and provided sustainable reintegration support for over 96,000 returnees. Under the NDICI regional Multi-Annual Indicative Programme (MIP) for Sub-Saharan Africa, the Commission mobilized 103 000 000 million euros in 2021 to avoid a funding gap on return and reintegration while it reviewed different options for a future programme. The JI had excellent results in terms of the number of voluntary returns, including reintegration support, but also had shortcomings concerning ownership and capacity building of national authorities, coordination with other actors, number of referrals, poor EU visibility, and quality of monitoring. Building on lessons learned, the new programme will put a stronger emphasis on the sustainability and ownership, with tailored capacity building aiming at building partner structures and handing over the activities to national authorities. Referral systems and coordination with other actors will be reinforced to increase the number of referrals of returnees to other development programs in the relevant sectors (job creation, education, health, etc.). The programme will also maximise the cost-efficiency of socio-economic reintegration.
- (34) The Action 29 entitled “Migration and Mobility Dialogue support programme (MMD III)” aims to contribute to Priority area 6 – Migration, mobility, and forced displacement of the Sub-Saharan Africa MIP. Notably it will contribute to strengthen political dialogues and continued high-level engagement at continental, cross-regional, regional, or sub-regional level on issues of common concern in the field of migration and continental, regional, and multi-country networks that support actions related to migration and development, including initiatives of Civil Society Organizations and Local Authorities.
- (35) The Action 30 entitled “Support to Free Movement of Persons and Migration in West Africa Phase II” aims to maximize the development potential of free movement of persons and migration within a more secure and rights-based Economic Community Of West Africa States zone in the context of the regional integration process. This will be achieved by supporting the implementation of the ECOWAS Free movement Protocol and the ECOWAS Common Approach on Migration.
- (36) The Action 31 entitled “EU Regional action to provide durable solutions for the Burundian refugee crisis in the Great Lakes Region” aims to address the Burundian refugee and returnee situation with a global approach to ensure the sustainability of the durable solutions to put in place. At a regional level, there is a need to address the challenges of displacement in hosting/origin countries since refugees/returnees can be

an additional destabilisation factor in an already fragile political and social environment.

- (37) The Action 32 entitled “Regional and Multi-Country Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa” aims to implement support measures foreseen in the Regional MIP through: a Technical Assistance component to support the identification and formulation of new actions under the Regional MIP for Sub-Saharan Africa; a capacity building component to strengthen the strategic and policy coordination role of partner regional organisations including ECOWAS, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD); an OACPS-EU Partnership’s (post-Cotonou) Institutional Framework component support the implementation of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and a component to implement Strategic Communication and Public Diplomacy activities.
- (38) In accordance with Article 43 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, the action is of a global, trans-regional or regional nature, fostering regional cooperation with countries of Northern Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia); Timor Leste (as part of the Portuguese speaking African countries and Timor Leste – PALOP-TL) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) . The actions’ objective and design 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 by ensuring the consolidation of the policy frameworks at African Union level and their implementation in all African countries, as well as the promotion of transparent and efficient Public Finance Management, budget oversight and economic governance in PALOP-TL countries; and of climate adaptation and resilience through the Adaptation Fund under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in SIDS. Due to the projects’ nature and the importance to ensure complete regional coverage, the eligibility of the action extends exceptionally to the countries of Northern Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia), Timor Leste and non-African SIDS as their participation constitutes a substantial element to ensure the coherence and effectiveness of Union financing or to foster regional or trans-regional cooperation.
- (39) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (40) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.
- (41) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 of 9 June 2021 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (42) 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

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 Regulation (EU, Euratom)

2018/1046⁵ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.

The Commission in accordance with Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation retains the financial management responsibilities laid down in point 4.3.2 of the Annex 1.

- (43) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (44) 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (45) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 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 Sub-Saharan Africa for 2022-2026 Part 2, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The multiannual action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Regional dimension of the Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, Medicines and Health Technologies (MAV+) in Africa (part II) set out in Annex 1;
- (b) Regional Teacher Programme for Africa set out in Annex 2;
- (c) PALOP-TL regional economic governance programme – boosting Public Finances Management Systems and budget oversight set out in Annex 3;
- (d) Support the Harmonization of pan-African Electoral Capacities set out in Annex 4;
- (e) Regional Support to Youth in Africa set out in Annex 5;
- (f) Gulf of Guinea Interregional Network Extended - GOGIN II set out in Annex 6;
- (g) The regional project on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region – Phase II set out in Annex 7;
- (h) Peaceful and resilient borderlands set out in Annex 8;
- (i) EU contribution to the Adaptation Fund set out in Annex 9;
- (j) EU Regional Support to the Great Green Wall set out in Annex 10;
- (k) Programme d'appui aux organisations spécialisées de la CEEAC pour l'opérationnalisation du marché régional et le développement des énergies renouvelables set out in Annex 11;
- (l) Regional clean cooking Action in West Africa (ReCCAWA) set out in Annex 12;

⁵ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

- (m) Kariba Dam Rehabilitation project (KDRP) – Reshaping of the plunge pool (PP) 2nd phase (KDRP-PP-II) set out in Annex 13;
- (n) Programme d'appui aux organisations spécialisées de la CEDEAO actives dans le secteur de l'énergie pour le développement du marché régional de l'électricité et l'opérationnalisation de son réseau interconnecté ainsi que, l'accroissement de la part des énergies renouvelables dans le mix énergétique set out in Annex 14;
- (o) One Stop Shop for Green Energy Investments and an Africa-EU energy partnership set out in Annex 15;
- (p) Programme régional d'appui au développement de l'économie pastorale en Afrique de l'Ouest et au Sahel – PRADEP-AOS set out in Annex 16;
- (q) Projet d'Appui à la Stratégie régionale de stockage de sécurité alimentaire en Afrique de l'Ouest set out in Annex 17;
- (r) NaturAfrica Phase 1 set out in Annex 18;
- (s) Blue Africa set out in Annex 19;
- (t) Data Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa set out in Annex 20;
- (u) Scientific and technological support to regional Centres of Excellence related to green transition set out in Annex 21;
- (v) Africa Trade Competitiveness and market access set out in Annex 22;
- (w) Trade in services in Sub-Saharan Africa set out in Annex 23;
- (x) Institutional support in the domain of the governance of road transport set out in Annex 24;
- (y) Regional initiative to support African Central Banks through capacity building set out in Annex 25;
- (z) Improving Economic Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa set out in Annex 26;
- (aa) The initiative to support public-private dialogue and business cooperation within the EU-AU partnership set out in Annex 27;
- (bb) Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa set out in Annex 28;
- (cc) Migration and Mobility Dialogue support programme ((MMD III) set out in Annex 29;
- (dd) Support to Free Movement of Persons and Migration in West Africa Phase II set out in Annex 30;
- (ee) EU Regional action to provide durable solutions for the Burundian refugee crisis in the Great Lakes Region set out in Annex 31;
- (ff) Regional and Multi-Country Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa set out in Annex 32.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan for 2022-2026 is set at EUR 1 515 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line Western Africa BGUE-B2022-14.020120-C1-INTPA: EUR 677 050 000 (357 900 000 for exercise N; 232 150 000 for exercise N+1; 69 500 000 for exercise N+2; 17 500 000 for exercise N+4);
- (b) budget line Eastern and Central Africa BGUE-B2022-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 492 650 000 (279 900 000 for exercise N; 126 750 000 for exercise N+1; and 68 500 000 for exercise N+2; 17 500 000 for exercise N+4).
- (c) budget line Eastern and Central Africa BGUE-B2022-14.020121-C2-INTPA: EUR 7 000 000 (7 000 000 for exercise N).
- (d) budget line Southern Africa BGUE-B2022-14.020122-C1-INTPA: EUR 318 300 000 (234 100 000 for exercise N; 48 200 000 for exercise N+1; and 21 000 000 for exercise N+2; 15 000 000 for exercise N+4).
- (e) budget line Planet - Global Challenges - BGUE-B2022-14.020241: EUR 20 000 000 for exercise N.

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 2023, 2024 and 2026 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 4.3.2 of Annex 1, 4.3.1, 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 of Annex 2, 4.3.1 of Annex 3, 4.3.1 of Annex 6, 4.4.3 of Annex 7, 4.3.2 of Annex 8, 4.3.1 of Annex 10, 4.4.2 of Annex 11, 4.4.1 and 4.4.3 of Annex 12, 4.4.1 of Annex 13, 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of Annex 14, 4.3.1 of Annex 15, 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of Annex 17, 4.3.3 of Annex 18, 4.4.2 of Annex 19, 4.4.1 of Annex 20, 4.4.3 of Annex 21, 4.4.2 of Annex 22, 4.3.2 of Annex 23, 4.4.4 of Annex 24, 4.3.1 of Annex 26, 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 of Annex 28, 4.4.1 of Annex 29, 4.4.1 of Annex 30, 4.4.2 and 4.4.3 of Annex 31 and, 4.4.3.2 and 4.4.3.1 of Annex 32.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 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.

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

Article 5

Grants and Procurement

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annexes. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annexes selected in accordance with point 4.3.1 of the Annex 1, 4.3.1 of the Annex 9, 4.4.1 of the Annex 14, 4.4.1.1 of the Annex 16, 4.3.1.2 of the Annex 18, 4.4.1 of the Annex 19, 4.3.1 of the Annex 25, 4.3.2 and 4.4.1.1, 4.4.1.2, 4.4.1.3 of the Annex 32.

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 4.3.2 of the Annex 18 and 4.3.1 of the Annex 27.

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For the Commission

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