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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of the Federal Republic of Somalia for 2021, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2021. 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 Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁴, which sets out the following three priorities: Governance and Peacebuilding, Inclusive and Green Economic Growth, and Resilience Building and Social Inclusion.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual 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, with

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 Implementing Decision adopting a multiannual indicative programme for the Federal Republic of Somalia for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9070 final of 14.12.2021.

particular focus on expanding access to quality and equitable education opportunities for learners, especially those from marginalised groups such as girls, children with disabilities, pastoralists and those living in rural areas.

- (5) The action entitled ‘Education Access and Quality Improvement Programme (EAQIP)’ aims to improve educational attainment for school-aged girls and boys by expanding access to quality and equitable education opportunities for the population while further strengthening the role of public systems for effective delivery of education services.
- (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) 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.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (9) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action programme for the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of the Federal Republic of Somalia for 2021, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action:

- Education Access and Quality Improvement Programme (EAQIP) set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2021 is set at EUR 25 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line BGUE-B2021-14.020121-C1-INTPA 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
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁵ to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20 % of that contribution as well as extensions of the implementation

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

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 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be entrusted to the entities referred to in point 4.4.2 or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.4.1 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

For the Commission
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