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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 Union¹, and in particular Articles 125(1)(a), 180(3) and 181 (where applicable) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 September 2021, at the Global Citizen Live event, President of the European Commission, Ursula Van der Leyen, pledged a EUR 140 million contribution to support research in sustainable food systems and tackle food hunger via the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (“CGIAR”), currently the world’s largest global agricultural innovation network; in relation with this financial pledge, the action “Sustainable Agri-Food Systems - contribution to CGIAR” was included in the Commission Financing Decision C(2022)9744 on the Multiannual Action Plan for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (Prosperity) for 2022-2023 part 2.
- (2) The use of financing not linked to costs as a form of Union contribution is necessary because CGIAR, as a global initiative, is funded by a large number of bi- and multilateral donors and governed under a single set of rules. It is also needed because of the specificities of CGIAR’s research agenda that cuts across global challenges such as climate change, the depletion of natural resources and biodiversity loss that are leading threats to providing sustainable food and nutrition security for all.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The use of the Union contribution in the form of financing not linked to costs is authorised for the action “Sustainable Agri-Food Systems - contribution to CGIAR”² under the multiannual action plan for the thematic programme on Global Challenges (Prosperity) for 2022-2023 part

¹ 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 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1).

² See Commission Decision C(2022)9744, adopting a first global commitment of an amount of EUR 40.000.000, out of the amount of EUR 140 000 000 pledged by the Commission, for the action “Sustainable Agri-Food Systems - contribution to CGIAR”.

2 financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe³, for the reasons and under the conditions set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 18.8.2023

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

³ See Commission Decision COM(2018)460 final dated 14/06/2018.