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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) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2021/1764 of 5 October 2021 on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other², and in particular Article 82 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the ‘European Programme for the blueing and greening of food systems in the Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories’, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing Decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme for 2025 and 2026 in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 (hereinafter ‘the Financial Regulation’).
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union³.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The action provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’⁴ and the Interinstitutional 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

¹ OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

² OJ L 355, 7.10.2021, p. 6.

³ See www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The sanctions stem from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

⁴ COM(2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁵.

- (6) The Commission adopted the indicative multiannual regional programme for Overseas Countries and Territories for the period 2021-2027⁶, which sets out the following priorities: enhancing the sustainability, resilience and diversification of food production in the three territories, and; promoting the consumption of sustainable and healthy foods.
- (7) The purpose of the multiannual action plan to be financed under Decision (EU) 2021/1764 is to contribute to the greening and blueing of food systems in the Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories.
- (8) The purpose of the action entitled ‘European Programme for the blueing and greening of food systems in the Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories’ is to promote the green transformation of food systems in the three French territories in the region.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, applicable in accordance with Article 81 of Decision (EU) 2021/1764, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (10) The Commission must ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regard to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation. To that end, in accordance with Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, the Commission retains the financial management responsibilities laid down in point 4.3.2 of the Annex.
- (11) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 90 of Decision (EU) 2021/1764,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 **Action plan**

The multiannual financing Decision, which constitutes the multiannual action plan for implementing the Multiannual Action Plan for Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories for 2025 and 2026, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: ‘European Programme for the blueing and greening of food systems in the Pacific Overseas Countries and Territories’, as set out in the Annex.

Article 2 **EU contribution**

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2025 and 2026 is set at EUR 36 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 14.050200.02 of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) EUR 8 000 000 in 2025;

⁵ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁶ Commission Implementing Decision adopting 9 multiannual indicative programmes for Overseas Countries and Territories for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9164 final of 15 December 2021.

- (b) EUR 28 000 000 in 2026.

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:

- (a) as provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2025, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths;
- (b) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2026 as adopted by the budgetary 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 Annex, 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 the Annex.

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, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes to the allocations for 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 those 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.

Done at Brussels, 29.11.2024

*For the Commission,
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Member of the Commission*