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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 multiannual action plan in favour of the Republic of Rwanda for 2021-2023, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2021-2023. 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 Programme⁴ for the period 2021-2027, which sets out the following priorities: education, skills and jobs for the youth in the digital age; a green deal for inclusive development; and political and economic governance.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 region 'Sub-Saharan Africa' are the following: (i) to

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 Republic of Rwanda for the period 2021-2027, C(2021)9368 final of 15.12.2021.

support transformational, climate-smart and inclusive agriculture; (ii) to support business creation, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) growth and youth employment, and foster investment and improve the business environment; and (iii) to provide support to all political priorities identified under the Multiannual Indicative Programme.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Transformational climate-smart and inclusive agriculture in Rwanda’ aims to support Rwanda’s agricultural transformation for social, and environmentally inclusive food systems; and support Rwanda’s environmental and climate sustainability.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Support to Economic Governance and the Business Environment in Rwanda’ aims to support entrepreneurship, strengthen economic governance, support technical and vocational education and training (TVET), and includes measures in favour of civil society.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Technical Cooperation Facility VII’ includes support measures for EU cooperation in all the priorities of the 2021-2027 Multiannual Indicative Programme.
- (9) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of all 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 Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

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

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 Republic of Rwanda for 2021-2023, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) 'Transformational climate-smart and inclusive agriculture in Rwanda', set out in Annex 1;
- (b) 'Support to Economic Governance and the Business Environment in Rwanda', set out in Annex 2;
- (c) 'Technical Cooperation Facility VII', set out in Annex 3.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2021-2023 is set at EUR 94 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union :

- (a) budget line BGUE-B2021-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 88 400 000;
- (b) budget line BGUE-B2022-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 4 100 000;
- (c) budget line BGUE-B2023-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 2 000 000;

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 2022 and 2023 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 of Annex 1, points 4.4.3, 4.4.4 and 4.4.5 of Annex 2, and point 4.4.4 of Annex 3.

Article 4
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, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes 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.

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 5
Procurement

Launching a call for tender under a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision shall be authorised as set out in point 4.4.1 of Annex 1.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission