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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 Council Decision No 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 (hereafter referred to as 'Decision on the Overseas Association, including Greenland), and in particular Article 81 and 82 thereof, making Article 23(2) of of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 applicable.

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Greenland 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 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 priorities: increasing the quality of the Greenlandic education system to foster productive lives, wellbeing and resilience of the society, reducing the inequality in the Greenlandic education system to boost cohesion of the society, and augmenting the efficiency in the Greenlandic education system.
- (4) The objective of the action entitled 'EU-Greenland Education Partnership 2021-2022' to be financed under Decision on the Overseas Association, including Greenland is to increase the quality of the education system to foster productive lives, wellbeing and resilience of the society as well as entrepreneurial and innovation skills; to reduce

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 355, 7.10.2021, p. 6–134

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 on the multiannual indicative programme for Greenland for the period 2021-2027, C (2021)9159 of 15.12.2021.

inequality, ensuring a more equitable access to the Greenlandic education system holistically improving wellbeing of students to boost cohesion and inclusiveness of the society; and to augment the efficiency in the Greenlandic education system, improve spending, increase education completion, and improve education sector coordination with municipalities The action will be implemented as sector budget support.

- (5) 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.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, 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.
- (7) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the OCT Committee established under Article 90 of Decision No 2021/1764 of 5 October 2021,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual plan for the implementation of the Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of Greenland for 2021 to be financed from the general budget of the Union, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action:

- (a) 'EU-Greenland Education Partnership 2021-2022', set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the plan for 2021 is set at EUR 60 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line BGUE-B2021-14.050300 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 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.

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

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, 17.12.2021

For the Commission
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