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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 Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the support measures in favour of Jamaica 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 Multiannual Indicative Programme⁴ for Jamaica for the period 2021-2027 which sets out the following priorities: sustainable and inclusive economy (focusing on digital transitioning), climate change and environment (focusing on adaptation and resilient infrastructures as well as good governance and human security (focusing on citizen security)).
- (4) The objectives pursued by the support measures to be financed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe, geographic programme ‘Americas and the Caribbean’ are to contribute to the implementation of the Government of Jamaica’s development agenda.

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 C(2021)9099, 14.12.2021

- (5) The action entitled ‘European Union-Jamaica Cooperation Facility’ aims at supporting the effective implementation of EU cooperation and promote EU values, including strategic communication and public diplomacy activities.
- (6) The Commission should authorise the launch of a call for tender by means of a suspensive clause before the adoption of this Decision.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (8) 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, the Commission retains the financial management responsibilities laid down in the Annex in accordance with Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation.

- (9) 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.
- (10) 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.
- (11) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee is required. The European Parliament and the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947 of 9 June 2021 will be informed within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The support measures

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action for the implementation of the support measures in favour of Jamaica for 2021, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The support measures shall include the following action: European Union-Jamaica Cooperation Facility set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the support measures for 2021 is set at EUR 1 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union :

- (a) budget line BGUE-B2021-14.020141-C1-INTPA: EUR 1 500 000;

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

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 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 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 of the date set out in point section 4.3. of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

For the Commission

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