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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 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 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the support measure in favour of the Republic of Seychelles for 2023, it is necessary to adopt a annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 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 measure provided for in this Decision contribute to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal⁴.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁵ for the period 2021-2027⁶, which sets out the following priorities Environment Protection and Climate Change adaptation and resilience; and Good Governance.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Sub-Saharan Africa' are to strengthen the partnership between the EU and the Republic of Seychelles.

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 COM(2019) 640 final

⁵ decision C (2021)9068

⁶ Commission Decision on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and Republic of Seychelles C (2021) 9068 final of 14.12.2021.

- (6) The action entitled ‘European Solidarity Action with Seychelles (EnSEL) – Cooperation Facility’ aims to strengthen the partnership between the EU and the Republic of Seychelles.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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 the Financial Regulation.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual measure for the implementation of the support measure in favour of the Republic of Seychelles for 2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: European Solidarity Action with Seychelles (EnSEL) – Cooperation Facility.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2023 is set at EUR 2 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union : 14.020122

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 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.

Done at Brussels, 9.10.2023

*For the Commission
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