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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 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Peru for 2023-2025, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2023-2025. 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 National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁴ for the period 2021-2027, which sets out the following priorities: circular transition: promote the transition to a green and inclusive economy and development, human development and social inclusion and governance and rule of law.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Americas and the Caribbean' are to promote Peru's progress towards a universal, inclusive Social Protection System and to contribute to a stronger and more effective EU-Peru partnership.
- (5) The action entitled 'Towards a universal, inclusive Social Protection System (SPS), with equal opportunities for women and men' will contribute to designing and

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 Peru for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 8996 final.

enforcing legal and policy frameworks for social protection and employment policies; increase the coverage, enhance the adequacy and improve the quality of social protection and active labour market services at territorial level; and improve social protection and social-economic integration measures for migrants and refugees. The Commission should acknowledge and accept contribution(s) from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulations, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement. Where such contribution(s) are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Support Measures (Cooperation Facility) for Peru 2023-2025’ will support the effective and efficient implementation of EU international cooperation actions and policies; support policy dialogues and engagement with government and other stakeholders; strengthen strategic communication and public diplomacy.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 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, 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.
- (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 plan, 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 action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

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 Peru for 2023-2025, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Towards a universal, inclusive Social Protection System (SPS), with equal opportunities for women and men, set out in Annex I;
- (b) Support Measures (Cooperation Facility) for Peru 2023-2025, set out in Annex II.

⁵ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2023-2025 is set at EUR 19 700 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- budget line BGUE-B2023-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 16 200 000;
- budget line BGUE-B2024-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 2 000 000;
- budget line BGUE-B2025-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 1 500 000.

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 2024 and 2025 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the action “Towards a universal, inclusive Social Protection System (SPS) with equal opportunities for women and men” carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex I, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.1 of the Annex I.

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 changes⁶ 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, 27.7.2023

For the Commission
Jutta URPILAINEN
Member of the Commission

⁶ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.