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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 Uganda for 2022-2024, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2022-2024. 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: green and climate transition, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs, democratic governance and social inclusion.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Sub-Saharan Africa' are to support inclusive and quality education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, sustainable

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 Decision C(2021) 9149.

and inclusive growth and jobs, sustainable management of natural resources, adaptation to climate change and the prevention and response to sexual and gender based violence.

- (6) The action entitled ‘Gender for Development Uganda (G4DU)’ aims at empowering adolescent girls and women through greater access to inclusive quality education and through knowing and exercising their sexual and reproductive health and rights and to free them from sexual and gender based violence.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Green Support Facility’ aims at further development of the interventions under MIP 2021-2027 in the areas of Smart green cities as part Priority Area 1 (Green and Climate Transition) and sustainable investments, economic enablers and connectivity as part of Priority Area 2 (Sustainable and Inclusive Growth and Jobs).
- (8) The action entitled ‘Last Mile Electrification Support Project’ aims at increasing the number of people and businesses with access to sustainable, clean and affordable energy services in rural areas.
- (9) The action entitled ‘Climate Action for Sustainable Development in Uganda’ aims to contribute to Uganda’s achievement of its climate change commitments and sustainable development goals.
- (10) The action entitled ‘Partnering for Forests in Uganda’ aims to enhance the sustainable contribution of Uganda’s forest resources to national inclusive economic growth and to global efforts to address climate change and loss of biodiversity.
- (11) The action entitled ‘Sustainable Business for Uganda (SB4U) 1.0’ aims to contribute to sustainable economic growth and decent job creation in Uganda.
- (12) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (13) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the actions.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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.
- (16) 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.
- (17) 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.

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.

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 Uganda for 2022-2024, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Gender for Development Uganda (G4DU) set out in Annex 1;
- (b) Green Support Facility set out in Annex 2;
- (c) Last Mile Electrification Support Project set out in Annex 3;
- (d) Climate Action for Sustainable Development in Uganda set out in Annex 4;
- (e) Partnering for Forests in Uganda set out in Annex 5;
- (f) Sustainable Business for Uganda (SB4U) 1.0 set out in Annex 6.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022-2024 is set at EUR 168 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union :

- (a) BGUE-B2022-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 14 115 129;
- (b) BGUE-B2022-14.020121-C7-INTPA: EUR 2 500 000;
- (c) BGUE-B2023-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 149 884 871;
- (d) BGUE-B2024-14.020121-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 2023 and 2024, 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 4.4.1 to 4.4.4 of the Annex 1, 4.4.1 of Annex 3, 4.4.1 to 4.4.3 of Annex 4, 4.4.2 to 4.4.4 of Annex 5 and 4.4.2 to 4.4.4 of Annex 6.

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, 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.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in Annex 5. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in point 4.4.1 of Annex 5.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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