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EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, 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(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Angola for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2024, in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union³.
- (3) 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.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) The actions provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'⁴ and in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁵.

¹ OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

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 of 11 December 2019.

⁵ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

- (6) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2021-2027⁶, as amended following the mid-term review⁷, which sets out the following priorities: Sustainable economic diversification; Transparent, accountable and effective governance; Human development.
- (7) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Sub-Saharan Africa’ are to support Angola’s sustainable economic diversification and the creation of a workforce adapted to market needs.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Promoting Trade and Investment in Angola’ aims to promote and increase inclusive and sustainable investment and trade that contribute to Angola’s green transition.
- (9) The action entitled ‘Angola’s Natural Heritage: Governance and Ecotourism in Conservation Areas’ aims to restore biodiversity loss and sustainably improve the quality of life of local communities in selected Conservation Landscapes with a positive impact on climate change mitigation and adaptation, while positioning Angola as an ecotourism destination.
- (10) The action entitled ‘PROSPERA - Technical Education and Vocational Training Support Programme for Angola’ aims to decrease the gap between the availability of qualified individuals and the demand of the job market in priority economic sectors, in line with Angola’s green growth and economic diversification agenda.
- (11) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (12) 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 157(4) of the Financial Regulation⁸ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (13) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI-Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

⁶ Commission Decision on the adoption of the National Indicative Programme between the European Union and Angola C(2021) 9359 final of 15.12.2021.

⁷ Commission Implementing Decision amending country, multi-country and regional Multiannual Indicative Programmes 2021-2027 for Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Americas and the Caribbean and the Multiannual Indicative Programmes on Civil Society Organisations, Global Challenges and Human Rights and Democracy, C(2024)7502 final of 31.10.2024.

⁸ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the the annual action plan in favour of Angola for 2024, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) 'Promoting Trade and Investment in Angola' set out in Annex 1;
- (b) 'Angola's Natural Heritage: Governance and Ecotourism in Conservation Areas' set out in Annex 2;
- (c) 'PROSPERA - Technical Education and Vocational Training Support Programme for Angola' set out in Annex 3.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2024 is set at EUR 76 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020122 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 maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁹ 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, where 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.

⁹ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

Article 4

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 4.4.2 of Annex 1, in point 4.4.1 of Annex 2, and in points 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 of Annex 3.

Done at Brussels, 19.11.2024

For the Commission

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