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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) and Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Guyana, it is necessary to adopt an 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 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 priority of a EU-Guyana Forest Partnership, as an instrument to deliver on the EU Green Deal priorities in terms of climate and biodiversity, as well as to address forests (including mangroves in a comprehensive and integrated way) in an effort to protect, restore and/or ensure the sustainable use thereof.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme 'Americas and the Caribbean' are to address

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) 9101, 14.12.2021

forests (including sustainable forestry and governance) and to provide assistance to the Government on a demand-driven basis in areas of mutual interest.

- (6) The actions entitled ‘Guyana Forest Partnership – Support Measures’ and ‘Guyana Forest Partnership - Support to FLEGT Joint Implementation Framework (JIF)’ intends for the former to provide support on a demand driven basis, and for the latter to facilitate the operationalisation of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement on the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT).
- (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 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.
- (9) 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,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 *The action plan*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual action plan for the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Guyana for 2023 to be financed from the general budget of the Union, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- ‘Guyana Forest Partnership – Support to FLEGT Joint Implementation Framework (JIF) set out in Annex I;
- ‘Guyana Forest Partnership -’Support Measures’ set out in Annex II.

Article 2 *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2023 is set at EUR 5,500,000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- budget line 14.020141: EUR 5,500,000 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 *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 4.3.1 of the Annex I and 4.3.2 of the Annex II.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁵ 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, 15.11.2023

For the Commission
Jutta URPILAINEN
Member of the Commission

⁵ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.