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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(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) With Decision C(2023) 4803 final the Commission adopted the third set of individual measures for the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for 2023.
- (2) The Commission should take note of non-substantial changes that were carried out by the responsible authorizing officer under the flexibility provision of Article 4 of Decision C(2023) 4803 final under the action “Support for the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises in post-Conflict Areas” amounting to a budget increase of EUR 3 000 000³.
- (3) The ‘Cooperation Facility’ set out in Annex 5 to Decision C(2023) 4803 final aims to design Union development interventions and related visibility and communication activities as well as enhance donor coordination. It ensures design and implementation of activities addressing the need for the development of conflict sensitive and responsive future engagements, intensified strategic communication and public diplomacy activities and stronger coordination with Member States in designing Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs), as well as general donor coordination with the wider donor community.
- (4) In order to respond to additional priorities given the changing context in Ethiopia, the implementation modality set out in Annex 5 to Decision C(2023) 4803 final needs to be expanded from direct management to both direct and indirect management. This

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. , 1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj>.

³ Decision approved on 22/02/2024

should enable the Union to support the Development Partners' Group (DPG), with a specific focus on decisions making; structured, inclusive and evidence-based policy dialogue; decisions' implementation; close coordination and optimised GoE/DPG; Sector Working Groups alignment; and transparency, mutual accountability and result oriented approach supported at national and sub-national level and contribute effectively to Output 1.4 of the Action "Donor coordination, EU coordination and consolidation of Team Europe Initiatives".

- (5) This amending Commission Implementing Decision should be considered a substantial rider with no financial implications.
- (6) Therefore, Commission Decision C(2023) 4803 final should be amended accordingly.
- (7) The amendment set out in this Decision does not fall within the categories of amendments for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this amending decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Decision C(2023) 4803 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 3 is replaced by the following article :

"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 4.4.4 of the Annex 1; points 4.4.2 to 4.4.6 of the Annex 2; points 4.4.1 to 4.4.3 of the Annex 3; points 4.4.3 and 4.4.4 of the Annex 4; and; point 4.4.2. of the Annex 5.

- (2) Annex 5 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 24.4.2024

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission