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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 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009², and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) To ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan for the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)-Global Europe thematic programme on Global Challenges (Planet) for 2022-2025, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual action plan for 2022-2025. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (the ‘Financial Regulation’) lays down detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance under the NDICI-Global Europe thematic programme on Global Challenges (Planet) for 2022-2025 must 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 help incorporate climate action into all EU policies, in line with the European Green Deal and the Interinstitutional Agreement⁴.
- (4) The Commission adopted the thematic programme on Global Challenges⁵. Under the ‘Planet’ priority, the programme aims to push forward the global agenda for international and transcontinental action on the Green Deal priorities. It focuses on

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 to identify sanctions regimes. The sanctions are sourced from legal acts published in the Official Journal. In case of discrepancy, the Official Journal prevails.

⁴ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28–46.

⁵ Decision C(2021)9157.

global action, projecting EU priorities, strengthening the EU as a global actor and supplementing EU action at country and regional level.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan for the NDICI-Global Europe thematic programme on Global Challenges (Planet) are to support the EU's global response to the pandemic and its consequences in partner countries. The response will be geared towards strengthening resilience to future shocks and getting back on track on human development, notably by recognising the urgent need for global coordinated action in these areas. The international community has developed specific multilateral frameworks, in particular the Paris Agreement on climate change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, other multilateral/international agreements, initiatives and organisations on biodiversity, desertification, energy and energy efficiency, water and ocean governance, chemicals and waste, sustainable finance, and methane emissions, and the Sendai Framework on disaster risk reduction. These frameworks commit participating countries to step up action, coordinate work, develop common tools and harmonised monitoring and reporting systems, share knowledge and information, and increase financial support for, technological transfer to and capacity development in developing countries.
- (6) The action entitled 'Reducing methane emissions through an integrated data approach, policy and planning' will help mobilise political will to mitigate methane emissions by supporting the work of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition and the newly set up International Methane Emission Observatory, two initiatives led by the United Nations (UN) Environment Programme.
- (7) The action entitled 'Global Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres Network project – Phase 2' aims to support developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (with particular focus on least developed countries and small-island developing states) in meeting the energy-efficiency and greenhouse-gas targets of the International Maritime Organization.
- (8) The action entitled 'Sustainable aviation fuels eligible for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA⁶)' aims to help develop environmental support and capacity-building activities. It is a global initiative, with a strong geographic focus on India and the African continent.
- (9) The action entitled 'International climate governance' will help strengthen climate adaptation and mitigation action worldwide, with a focus on developing countries.
- (10) The action entitled 'Sustainable wildlife management – Phase 2' aims to help protect biodiversity, improve the living conditions of local populations who rely on the exploitation of wildlife, and reduce zoonotic risks related to wildlife.
- (11) The action entitled 'Water security for all' will support the role of the UN system by advocating for and coordinating global action to tackle water challenges and to accelerate the realisation of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.
- (12) The action entitled 'Global EU action on sustainable forest management, governance and forest value chains' will help increase the value of forests in partner countries and promote the opportunities offered by forests in terms of socio-economic development. The action will also help fight climate change and loss of biodiversity.

⁶ The acronym CORSIA is mentioned in the title of the action given that this is such an important reference, which is well-known and identified by the aviation sector organisations.

- (13) The action entitled ‘Improving global environmental governance through targeted support to multilateral environmental agreements and processes’ aims to act at the global level to achieve better environmental governance for sound policymaking on various topics (biodiversity, circular economy, chemicals, etc.), promoting the international dimension of the European Green Deal.
- (14) The action entitled ‘Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Part II’⁷ will help develop and implement the Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Part II, which is crucial to support the implementation and monitoring of the European Green Deal’s international dimension. This dimension aims to achieve a global transition to climate neutrality, nature positivity, circularity, resilience, equitability, inclusiveness and sustainable development.
- (15) The Commission must protect the financial interests of the Union with regard to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds under indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation.
- (16) To this end, before a contribution agreement can be signed, such entities and persons must be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁸ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (17) It is necessary to allow the payment of interest due for late payment based on Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (18) To allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes that should not be considered substantial under Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (19) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI-Global Europe Committee set up 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 indicative programme for the NDICI-Global Europe thematic programme on Global Challenges (Planet) for 2022-2025, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Reducing methane emissions through an integrated data approach, policy and planning, set out in Annex I;
- (b) Global Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres Network project – Phase 2, set out in Annex II;
- (c) Sustainable aviation fuels eligible for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), set out in Annex III;

⁷ The Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Part I was adopted under C(2021) 9639.

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

- (d) International climate governance, set out in Annex IV;
- (e) Sustainable wildlife management – Phase 2, set out in Annex V;
- (f) Water security for all, set out in Annex VI;
- (g) Global EU action on sustainable forest management, governance and forest value chains, set out in Annex VII;
- (h) Improving global environmental governance through targeted support to multilateral environmental agreements and processes, set out in Annex VIII; and
- (i) Green Deal Knowledge Hub – Part II, set out in Annex IX.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022-2025 is set at EUR 159 426 390 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- Budget heading 14.020241 – Global Challenges (Planet): EUR 123 426 390
- Budget heading 14.020120 – West Africa: EUR 11 305 000
- Budget heading 14.020121 – Central/East Africa: EUR 11 305 000
- Budget heading 14.020122 – Southern Africa/Indian Ocean: EUR 9 690 000
- Budget heading 14.020130 – Middle East and Central Asia: EUR 1 000 000
- Budget heading 14.020131 – South and East Asia: EUR 1 000 000
- Budget heading 14.020132 – Pacific: EUR 400 000
- Budget heading 14.020140 – Americas: EUR 1 300 000

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, 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 actions carried out under 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 Annex I, point 4.3.1 of Annex II, point 4.3.1 of Annex III, point 4.3.1 of Annex IV, point 4.3.1 of Annex V, point 4.3.1 of Annex VI, point 4.3.1 of Annex VII, and point 4.3.1 of Annex VIII.

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, cumulated

changes⁹ to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, or extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, 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, 14.11.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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