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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) 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 multiannual action plan in favour of Timor-Leste for 2024-2025, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision which is to constitute the multiannual work programme, for 2024-2025, 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 of 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 allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) The action provided for in this Decision contributes to climate and gender equality 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

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 See 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.

new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁵.

- (6) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme⁶ for the period 2021-2027⁷, as amended following the mid-term review⁸, which sets out the following priorities: “Green and sustainable economic recovery and development” and “Good governance for sustainable development”.
- (7) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Asia and the Pacific’ are to support the Timorese government in the implementation of its own economic recovery strategy to make it diversified, greener, inclusive and human centred, using the resources that a digital transformation can bring and (ii) to strengthen Public Finance Management in the country.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Partnership for Public Financial Management (PFM) and Digital Transition in Timor-Leste (PADIT-TL)’ aims to achieve a digital government that is simple, transparent, and easily accessible to all, where public institutions are more efficient and transparent, able to provide services nationwide, and enabling and fostering civic participation in public policy in Timor-Leste.
- (9) The objective and design of the action ACT – 62317 “Partnership for Public Financial Management (PFM) and Digital Transition in Timor- Leste (PADIT-TL)” fulfil the criteria for Official Development Assistance established by the OECD/DAC, as per the requirements of Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, contributing to the sustainable development of partner countries and the implementation of the 2030 agenda by reducing inequalities and strengthening public service delivery at central and local level. The country benefiting from the action which is included in the list of ODA recipients, is identified in the respective action document.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c), of the Financial Regulation and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action set out in the Annex.
- (11) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4) of the Financial Regulation⁹ and, if necessary, to

⁵ Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission 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 resources OJ L 433I , 22.12.2020, p. 28. , ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstitut/2020/1222/oj.

⁶ C(2021) 9071

⁷ Commission implementing Decision adopting the multiannual indicative programme for Timor-Leste for the period 2021-2027, C(2021) 9071 final of 14.12.2021.

⁸ 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.

⁹ Except for the cases referred to in Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.

- (13) 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,

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 Timor-Leste for 2024-2025, as set out in the annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: ‘Partnership for Public Financial Management (PFM) and Digital Transition in Timor-Leste (PADIT-TL)’ set out in the Annex.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024 is set at EUR 9 000 000; the maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2025 is set at EUR 3 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 14.020132 of the general budget of the Union: EUR 12 000 000.

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 2025 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, or cumulated changes¹⁰ 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 those 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.

¹⁰ 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 Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.4.1 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 11.12.2024

For the Commission

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