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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, 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 480/2009<sup>2</sup> (hereafter referred to as ‘Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe’ or as ‘Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of 9 June 2021’), and in particular Article 24(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the support measure (Cooperation Facility) for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru for 2022 it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2022. 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 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The action provided for in this Decision contributes 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 Programmes for Bolivia<sup>4</sup>, Colombia<sup>5</sup>, Ecuador<sup>6</sup>, Paraguay<sup>7</sup> and Peru<sup>8</sup> for the period 2021-2027, which

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.

<sup>4</sup> C(2021) 8999, 14.12.2021.

<sup>5</sup> C(2021) 8995, 14.12.2021.

<sup>6</sup> C(2021) 9114, 14.12.2021.

<sup>7</sup> C(2021) 8988, 14.12.2021.

<sup>8</sup> C(2021) 8996, 14.12.2021.

set out priorities such as the Green Deal, Sustainable Growth and Jobs, Good Governance, Inequalities and Human Development.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the Support measures (Cooperation Facility) for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru is to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Americas and the Caribbean’ are to support the implementation of the respective country Multiannual Indicative Programmes.
- (6) The action entitled Support measures (Cooperation Facility) for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru pursues the objectives to support the implementation of the respective country multiannual indicative programmes, including support for policy dialogue with governments, support for strategic communication and public diplomacy.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (8) 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.
- (9) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) The measure provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The measure*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual measure for the implementation of the Support measure (Cooperation Facility) for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru for 2022, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: Support measure (Cooperation Facility) for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay and Peru.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for the year 2022 is set at EUR 10 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

budget line BGUE-B2022-14.020140-C1-INTPA: EUR 10 000 000;

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases<sup>9</sup> of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, 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.

*Article 4*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies selected in accordance with point 4.4.1 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 17.5.2022

*For the Commission*  
*Jutta URPILAINEN*  
*Member of the Commission*

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