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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) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action², and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action programme 2020 for the Thematic Programme on Global Public Goods and Challenges (the GPGC) in the area of Migration and Asylum, to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument³, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the 2020 annual work programme. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 provides detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted under Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ('TFEU')⁴.
- (3) The Commission has adopted on 30 July 2018 a Multiannual Indicative Programme ('MIP') for the Thematic Programme on Global Public Goods and Challenges for the period 2018-2020⁵. This MIP includes actions linked to migration and asylum, having the following components: (1) strengthening the migration-development nexus; (2)

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

³ Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020, OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision C(2018) 4919 of 30.7.2018.

ensuring safe, regular and orderly migration; and (3) developing oriented support to forced displacement, including disaster induced displacement.

- (4) The aim of the 2020 annual action programme to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument is to support the three components identified in the MIP for 2018-2020 listed above. The first action (“Lives in Dignity’ EU Global Facility”) will specifically cover the specific component (3). The second action (“Supporting hosting communities and integration of Venezuelan refugees”) will cover all the three components. The third action (Support Measures) contributes to achieving the overall objectives of MIP.
- (5) The first action entitled **“Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility - allocation II: reinforcement”** is a budget reinforcement of the ‘*Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility*’, adopted by the Commission in August 2019 under the 2019 Action Programme⁶. The ‘*Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility*’ is geared to supporting multi-lateral institutions and host governments to engage in development-led and whole-of-society responses to forced displacement situations, through two projects to be performed under indirect management. It takes into account also the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is likely to be particularly tough for refugees, displaced persons and their host communities. In addition, the Facility seeks to support the implementation of the High Level Panel for Internal Displacement recommendations.
- (6) The second action entitled **“Supporting hosting communities and integration of Venezuelan refugees”** aims to strengthen resilience and reduce inequality between vulnerable Venezuelans and host community members in Colombia, Peru and Ecuador. In particular, the action is focused on improving the socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable host and migrant/refugee populations and improving the quality of and access to basic health, education and housing services, the access to which has become even more challenging following the COVID-19 crisis.
- (7) The third action entitled **“Support measures 2020”** aims to assist the EU Delegations, the Commission headquarter services and beneficiary countries to contribute to achieving the Migration and Asylum programme’s overall objectives of the the DCI Thematic Programme on the Global Public Goods and Challenges.
- (8) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide the conditions for awarding such grants.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 indirect management should be used to implement of the programme.
- (10) The Commission should ensure a level of protection of the Union’s financial interests regarding entities and persons entrusted with the implementing Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (11) To this end, such entities and persons are subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046⁷ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with

⁶ (C(2019) 5456 final).

⁷ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.

- (12) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment in accordance with Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (13) To allow flexibility in implementing the programme, it is appropriate to allow changes that are not considered as substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (14) The actions provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 19 of Regulation(EU) No 233/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The programme

The financing decision, constituting the annual programme 2020 for implementing the 2020 Thematic Programme on "Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) in the area of Migration and Asylum" as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- (a) “Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility - allocation II: reinforcement”, as set out in Annex I;
- (b) “Supporting hosting communities and integration of Venezuelan refugees”, as set out in Annex II;
- (c) “Support measures 2020”, as set out in Annex III.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for implementing the 2020 annual action programme is set at EUR 47 822 734. The Union contribution shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 21.020705 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations under the first paragraph of this Article may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the actions through 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 5.3 of the Annexes I and II.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes⁸ 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, if those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in this article, acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies referred to point 5.3 of the Annex II.

Done at Brussels, 22.8.2020

For the Commission
Frans TIMMERMANS
Executive Vice-President

⁸ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.