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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) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the measure to continue healthcare support to refugees in Türkiye, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2023.
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The measure is part of the EU support to refugees in Türkiye for the period 2021-2023, as a follow-up to the European Council conclusions of June 2021<sup>4</sup>. It will build upon the work carried out under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, which is a key component of the EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the individual measure should contribute to the overall inclusive and equitable availability of healthcare services for refugees and migrants in Türkiye.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please 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 between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>4</sup> European Council Conclusions of 25 June 2021, EUCO 7/21

- (5) Pursuant to Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947<sup>5</sup> applicable pursuant to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, the adoption of this individual measure is justified because it constitutes a distinct critical intervention earmarked to continue the assistance to refugees and host communities in Türkiye. As such, it falls outside the scope of the IPA III programming framework.
- (6) The objective of the action entitled, “Supporting Migrant Health Services in Türkiye – SIHHAT III,” is to improve the health status of refugees and migrants in the country by facilitating their access to quality treatment in the Turkish health system.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise the award of a grant without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding this grant.
- (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 measure, it is appropriate to determine the 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 is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The measure*

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme to continue healthcare support to refugees in Türkiye, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: *Supporting Migrant Health Services in Türkiye – SIHHAT III*, as set out in Annex.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure referred to in Article 1 is set at EUR 210 000 000 for 2023 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15.020101.03 of the general budget of the Union.

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

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<sup>5</sup> 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, OJ L 209, 14.6.2021

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, as well as extensions of the implementation and execution period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the 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.

*Article 4*  
*Grants*

A grant may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. A grant may be awarded to the body selected in accordance with point 4.3 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 4.7.2023

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*