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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/792¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024 establishing the Ukraine Facility, and in particular Article 25 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Ukraine Facility makes available to Ukraine financial support of up to EUR 50 billion for the period 2024-2027 in the form of non-repayable support and loans.
- (2) On 13 March 2024 the European Union and Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding ('the MoU'). The MoU established the conditions for the provision of the exceptional bridge financing to Ukraine, in accordance with Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2024/792. The MoU sets out the policy conditions, the indicative financial planning and the reporting requirements to which the exceptional bridge financing is linked. A Loan Agreement setting out the detailed terms of the loan was signed and entered into force on 14 March 2024.
- (3) In accordance with the MoU, the exceptional bridge financing makes available a total maximum amount of up to EUR 6 000 000 000 to Ukraine as financial support, payable in two instalments of up to EUR 4 500 000 000 billion and up to EUR 1 500 000 000 billion respectively. The financial support is provided in the form of loans under Pillar I of the Facility, pursuant to Article 6(2) of Regulation (EU) 2024/792. Provision of this support is without prejudice to the financing linked to the Ukraine Plan and is complementary to other resources provided to Ukraine by international financial institutions and bilateral donors.
- (4) Through Commission implementing decision C(2024) 1665 of 8 March 2024, the Union released the first instalment of the exceptional bridge financing of the Ukraine Facility, amounting to EUR 4 500 000 000.
- (5) On 5 April 2024, Ukraine submitted a request for funds for the second instalment of up to EUR 1 500 000 000, in line with the provisions of the Loan Agreement. The request was accompanied by the documents stipulated in the Annex to the MoU, namely a cover note, justifying documents for each policy condition, and documents related to the reporting requirements set out in the MoU. Ukraine has also submitted a declaration on the use of the first loan instalment, in line with Annex 3 of the Loan Agreement.
- (6) In accordance with the provisions of the MoU, the Commission assessed the satisfactory fulfilment of the five policy conditions of the MoU based on the justifying documents provided by Ukraine. Following the assessment described in the Annex to this Decision,

¹ OJ L, 29.2.2024

the Commission considers that all policy conditions have been satisfactorily fulfilled. Based on the information provided by Ukraine, the Commission considers that the reporting requirements set out in the MoU are also met, considering that in the documents it submitted, namely the budget execution reports and the statement of the authority responsible for executing the budget, Ukraine demonstrated its commitment to the principles of sound financial management.

- (7) Ukraine continues to fulfil the pre-condition for Union support as set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2024/792. In particular, Ukraine continues to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system and the rule of law, and to guarantee respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. Fulfilment of this precondition should be verified by the Commission before disbursement of each of the tranches into which the instalment may be divided.
- (8) On 20 March, Ukraine has submitted the Ukraine Plan. On 15 April, the Commission has adopted a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision that assesses positively the Ukraine Plan.
- (9) Therefore, the release of the second instalment of the exceptional bridge financing under the Ukraine Facility of up to EUR 1 500 000 000 in the form of a loan should be authorised,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

The release of a second loan instalment of up to EUR 1 500 000 000 as exceptional bridge financing under the Ukraine Facility, as a loan to be disbursed in one or more tranches in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement, is authorised.

Done at Brussels, 22.4.2024

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission