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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>2</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>3</sup> and in particular Article 23(2); thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C(2018) 7933 final<sup>4</sup>, the Commission adopted the Annual Action Programme for 2018 in favour of Palestine including three actions.
- (2) It is necessary to modify the action in Annex 1 'Access to Self-Sufficient Water and Energy Services'. The modification is linked to the complex nature of the activities and delays encountered in the contracting and tendering processes. The changes will allow to continue the critical support and reach the stated objectives of the programmes, in terms of urgent needs for access to water and energy of the population in Gaza which are key priorities for the EU. Work in these areas has already started and is complementary to support envisaged for the successive years. The provision of water and energy to Gaza also responds to impending social and humanitarian needs in the enclave which are continuously deteriorating. The changes concern the implementing partners initially identified, the implementation modalities and the reassignment of funds within the Action, exceeding 20% of the initial budget and EUR 10 000 000.
- (3) Therefore, Decision C(2018)7933 final should be amended accordingly.
- (4) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

<sup>4</sup> Commission Implementing Decision on the annual action programme in favour of Palestine for 2018 (including one action on budget 2019 and 2020) (C(2018)7933 final)

- (5) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2018)7933 final is amended as follows:

- Article 3 is replaced by the following article:

*“Article 3*

*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 Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in points 4.3.2 of Annex 1, in points 5.3.2.2., 5.3.3.1. and 5.3.4.1. of Annex 2 and in points 5.3.1.3. and 5.3.1.4. of Annex 3.

The eligibility of costs incurred by Belgian Development Co-operation shall be authorised as of the dates set out in the Annex 3:

- Article 5 is replaced by the following article”.

*“Article 5*

*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals pursuant to Article 195 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1046 to the bodies referred to in points 5.3.1.1., 5.3.2.1., 5.3.4.3. and 5.3.4.4. of Annex 2, and in point 5.3.1.1. of Annex 3 in accordance with the conditions set out therein”.

- Annex 1 is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 21.9.2022

*For the Commission*

*Olivér VÁRHELYI*

*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>5</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.