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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<sup>2</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe and amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009, and in particular Article 23(4) thereof,

#### Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the special measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 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 objectives pursued by the special measure to be financed under the Neighbourhood geographic programme of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should support the country's efforts in hosting refugees from Syria for the benefit of both refugees and vulnerable host communities.
- (4) The Special measure is justified by the EU response to the Syrian crisis and its effects on Jordan, in particular the presence of a high number of refugees from Syria. It will be funded in line with commitments and financial pledge of the Brussels VI Conference on Syria<sup>4</sup>. The Response to the Syrian crisis answers to rapidly evolving needs on the ground due to severe socio-economic hardship, intensified by the impact

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OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

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https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/56061/20220511 chair statement v5.pdf

- of the COVID-19 pandemic on key sectors of the economy. As such, it cannot be programmed.
- (5) The action entitled "EU Support to livelihoods under the regional response to the Syrian crisis" aims at increasing the socio-economic well-being of vulnerable refugees and host populations in Jordan and decrease relative inequalities.
- (6) The action entitled "EU Support to inclusive, equitable and quality education for Syrian refugees and vulnerable children and youth in host communities in Jordan" aims at the inclusion for all in a full-cycle of quality education, targeting refugees, particularly in camp environments, and the most vulnerable host communities' children/youth (school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024).
- (7) The action entitled "Strengthening access to quality primary health care services for Syrian refugees and host communities in Jordan" aims at improving efficiency, equity, and responsiveness of Primary Health Care (PHC) system to address the needs of refugees, in particular Syrian refugees, and host communities in Jordan.
- (8) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (9) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 and Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the measure.
- (10) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation.
  - To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation<sup>5</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of the Financial Regulationbefore a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (13) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

#### HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### Article 1 The measure

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the special measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 2022, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following actions:

- "EU Support to Livelihoods under the regional response to the Syrian crisis" set out in Annex I;
- "EU Support to inclusive, equitable and quality education for Syrian refugees and vulnerable children and youth in host communities in Jordan" set out in Annex II;
- "Strengthening Access to Quality Primary Health Care Services for Syrian Refugees and host communities in Jordan" set out in Annex III.

## Article 2 Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2022 is set at EUR 80 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020110 of the general budget of the Union.

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

# 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 and 4.3.3 of Annex I, 4.4.3 of Annex II and 4.3.1 of Annex III.

## Article 4 Flexibility clause

Increases<sup>6</sup> or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes 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 within the meaning of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

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These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

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

Article 5
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 referred to in 4.4.1 of Annex II.

Done at Brussels, 11.11.2022

For the Commission Olivér VÁRHELYI Member of the Commission