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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) 2018/1046¹ 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, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947² 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, and in particular Article 23(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Special Measure in favour of Israel 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 should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The objectives pursued by the special measure to be financed under Regulation (EU) 2021/947 is to strengthen the relations between the EU and Israel focusing on the enhancement of regional cooperation and the creation of an environment conducive to sustainable regional peace, in line with the priorities defined at the twelfth EU-Israel Association Council held in Brussels on 3 October 2022.⁴
- (4) The Special Measure is justified by the specific political context in Israel and the lack of alternative funding. The unforeseen circumstances resulting from the recent elections, fifth in four years, including the consequent presence of an interim

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ 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.

⁴ EU-Israel Association Council, 3 October 2022, <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-ministerial-meetings/2022/10/03/>

government, as well as the innovative character of the action, have not allowed for the programming of the resources.

- (5) The action entitled ‘Support to the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan – Israel 2022’ aims at i) strengthening conditions favourable to tangible cooperation between Israel and its neighbours at inter-institutional level; ii) strengthening conditions favourable to constructive exchanges between Israel and its neighbours at the level of non-governmental actors; iii) enhancing strategic policy dialogues and exchanges between the EU and Israel at political, administrative and economic levels and increase legislative and regulatory approximation as well as participation in European Union programmes.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission Notice Nr. 2013/C- 205/05 shall apply for all actions under this special measure, including with respect to third parties receiving financial support in the cases where the respective action involves financial support to third parties by grant beneficiaries in accordance with Article 204 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (9) This Decision shall be implemented in conformity with the European Union's position that the territories which came under Israeli administration in June 1967 are not considered as being part of the State of Israel.
- (10) The measure provided for in this decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this decision within one month of its adoption.

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 Israel for 2022, as set out in the annex, is adopted.

The measure shall consist of the action set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2022 is set at EUR 2 000 000.00, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020110 - Southern Neighbourhood 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
Flexibility clause

Increases⁵ 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, 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 acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 21.12.2022

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁵ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.