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**amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 9448 final as regards increasing
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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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 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) By Decision C(2021) 9448 final³ the Commission adopted the Special Measure in favour of the Republic of Belarus for 2021 to be financed from the general budget of the Union, including one action.
- (2) It is necessary to modify the action “EU4Belarus: Reinforcing Resilience and Democratisation”, and to increase the budget of the measure by EUR 15 million, due to the continued intensification of the repression by the Belarusian authorities. This has increased the need to support independent media, mobility and people-to-people contacts, businesses in exile, and the cultural sector.
- (3) Therefore, Decision C(2021) 9448 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 TFEU⁴.
- (5) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947,

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ Commission Implementing Decision of 10.12.2021 on the financing of the special measure in favour of the Republic of Belarus for 2021 (C(2021) 9448 final).

⁴ 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.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2021) 9448 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

“Article 2

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2021 is set at EUR 30 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020111 of the general budget of the Union.

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

- (2) The Annex is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 12.4.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission