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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 58(1), Article 58(2)(d) and 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 and amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009², and in particular Article 24(1) thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession assistance and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the support measure for evaluation, the Residual Error Rate (RER) study and monitoring activities of external assistance granted by the Union in beneficiaries of pre-accession assistance and the Neighbourhood region for 2022, it is necessary to adopt a Financing Decision, which constitutes the support measure 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 TFEU³.
- (3) It is necessary to use Article 24(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, as it would cover the part of the support measure for 2022 financed under the operational budget line 14.020112 for monitoring activities in the neighbourhood region.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.07.2018, 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 published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

- (4) It is necessary to use Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, as it would cover the part of the support measure for 2022 financed under the operational budget line 15.020101.02 for monitoring activities in pre-accession countries. [
- (5) It is necessary to use Article 58(2)(d) of the Financial Regulation, , as it would cover the part of the support measure for 2022 financed under the Strategic evaluations and audits prerogative budget line 14.200404 for evaluation of assistance in beneficiaries of pre-accession assistance and the neighbourhood region and for the Residual Error Rate (RER) study.
- (6) The objectives of the support measures are to improve the quality and impact of the external assistance provided by the Union, by financing evaluations, studies, monitoring and related quality support measures and systems for the management of external assistance financed from any of the instruments implemented by the Commission. The combination of these three budget lines is justified by the fact that evaluations and monitoring activities are interlinked as they benefit from each other, and both can be used to improve planning and implementation.
- (7) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(2) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The multiannual financing Decision, constituting the support measures providing evaluation, the Residual Error Rate (RER) study and monitoring activities of external assistance granted by the Union in beneficiaries of pre-accession assistance and the Neighbourhood region for 2022 as set out in the annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2022 is set at EUR 9 984 484, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 14.020112: EUR 3 500 000;
- (b) budget line 15.020101.02: EUR 3 500 000;
- (c) budget line 14.200404: EUR 2 984 484;

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, 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 for the purposes 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, 13.12.2022

For the Commission
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