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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) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union¹, 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 (1) and (2), thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Egypt for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which is to constitute the annual work programme for 2024 in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures³ adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) The action plan provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'⁴ and in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources⁵.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Egypt for the period 2021-2027⁶, which sets out the following priorities: Green and sustainable development; Human development, economic resilience and prosperity building through green and digital transition; and Social Cohesion, Modern and Democratic State. The Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership with Egypt was launched with the

¹ OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ www.sanctionsmap.eu 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 the OJ prevails.

⁴ COM(2019)640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁵ OJ L 433I, 22.12.2020, p. 28.

⁶ C(2022)4049 of 17/06/2022 Commission implementing Decision adopting a multiannual indicative programme for Egypt for the period 2021-2027

signature of the Joint Declaration on 17 March 2024 and covers six key pillars: political relations; economic stability; trade and investment; migration and mobility; security; demography and human capital. This action will support human capital pillar.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Neighbourhood geographic programme of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should support decent and healthy lives for all in Egypt.
- (6) The action entitled “EU support to the implementation of socio-economic reforms at local level” aims at improving residents’ access to basic and quality services and increasing residents’ livelihoods, and improving healthcare quality with a focus on women and children’s needs.
- (7) The objective and design of the action fulfils the criteria for Official Development Assistance established by the OECD/DAC, as per the requirements of Article 3(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, contributing to the sustainable development of partner countries and the implementation of the 2030 agenda by supporting mainly SDG 11 (Sustainable cities and communities), SDG 3 (Good health and well-being), SDG 4 (Quality education), SDG 10 (Reduced inequalities). The countries benefiting from the action which are included in the list of ODA recipients, are identified in the respective action document.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c) of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action plan.
- (9) 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 in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4) of the Financial Regulation⁷ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (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 action plan, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (13) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI Neighbourhood Committee.

⁷ Except for the cases of Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide not to require an ex-ante assessment.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of Egypt for 2024 as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall consist of the action set out in the annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024 is set at EUR 75 000 000.00, 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 Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.2 of the Annex.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, 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, where those 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. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 28.10.2024

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission