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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 in particular Article 23(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the individual measure to support inclusive quality education for refugees in Turkey, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 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 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under rapid response actions of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe should prepare refugees for the future by supporting the Turkish education system in providing quality primary, secondary and higher education for all school-age refugees as well as providing life-long learning opportunities.
- (4) The measure is a rapid response action and is part of the Commission proposal to provide EUR 3 billion of further EU support to refugees and host communities in Turkey, following the European Council conclusions of June 2021<sup>4</sup>. It represents a continuation of the assistance provided in the context of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, specifically in the sector of education, also ensuring a longer-term transition from humanitarian to development assistance, in line with the nexus approach.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.

<sup>4</sup> European Council meeting of 24 and 25 June 2021 – EUCO 7/21

- (5) The action entitled ‘Support to Inclusive Quality Education for Refugees in Turkey’ has the following overall objective: Refugee children and adults receive a quality education at pre-school, school and higher education levels, delivered in a safe and supportive education environment, and the quality of education for the host community is sustained.
- (6) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (7) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (8) 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of 9 June 2021.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The measure*

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the individual measure to support inclusive quality education for refugees in Turkey, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action: ‘Support to Inclusive Quality Education for Refugees in Turkey.’

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2021 is set at EUR 530 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 14.020320 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*

Increases<sup>5</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 reassignments of funds between actions contained in an action plan 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

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<sup>5</sup> 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 4*  
*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 the Annex selected in accordance with point 4.3.1 of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*