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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) 2021/947 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 480/2009² and in particular Article 23(2), Article 23(3), Article 23(4), Article 23(6) and Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decisions listed under Article 1, the Commission adopted Special Measures and Annual Action Programmes in favour of Ukraine and Neighbourhood East Regional, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union.
- (2) Following the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression initiated on 24 February 2022 by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the urgent need arose to provide a quick response to support the Ukrainian authorities and the population under these unprecedented circumstances.
- (3) Consequently, it is considered appropriate to modify a number of Commission Implementing Decisions financing the European Union bilateral and regional cooperation with Ukraine, in order to extend the areas of interventions defined in the Action Documents attached therein in order to address some of the most urgent needs resulting from the war situation.
- (4) The amended Action Documents will provide for a broader framework of eligible activities, allowing to address the immediate needs linked *inter alia* to civil protection, cyber security, societal and economic resilience and rehabilitation needs.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

- (5) Therefore, the Implementing Decisions listed under Article 1 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (8) The amendments provided for in this Decision constitute amendments to existing action plans and measures, as immediately applicable implementing acts, in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 25(4) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, for which the ex-ante opinion of the Committee established pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 can be waived in compliance with paragraph 4 of the same Article. The measure shall be communicated to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the NDICI Committee within one month of its adoption.
- (9) The amendment provided for in this Decision should apply retroactively as of the start of the military aggression, initiated on the 24 February 2022.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Action Documents annexed to the following Commission Implementing Decisions are amended by the provisions in the Annex:

C(2012)5959 of 29.8.2012- Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme 2012 part 1 in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2014)2907 of 29.4.2014 - Commission Implementing Decision on a Special measure 2014 in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2015)2752 of 23.4.2015 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure 2015 for Private Sector Development and Approximation in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2015)8394 of 2.12.2015 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure 2015 for Decentralisation Reform in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2016)4719 of 26.7.2016 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure 2016 for Anti-Corruption and Support to Key Reforms in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2016)6854 of 28.10.2016 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure 2016 for Public Administration Reform in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

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.

C(2016)8266 of 12.12.2016 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure III 2016 on Support to Rule of Law Reforms in Ukraine (PRAVO) to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2017)4581 of 7.7.2017 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure I 2017 on Support to Key Reforms in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2017)7515 of 16.11.2017 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Special Measure 2017 II in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2018)5022 of 25.7.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme 2018 (part 1) in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2018)7715 of 26.11.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme 2018 (part 2) in favour of Ukraine to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2019)3711 of 14.5.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme part 1 in favour of Ukraine for year 2019

C(2019)7949 of 30.10.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Annual Action Programme part 2 in favour of Ukraine for year 2019

C(2020)3294 of 15.5.2020 - Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the Annual Action Programme, part 1, in favour of Ukraine for 2020 to be financed under the general budget of the Union

C(2020)5161 of 28.7.2020 – Commission Implementing Decision on the financing of the Annual Action Programme, part 2, in favour of Ukraine for 2020 to be financed under the general budget of the Union

C(2016)4857 of 20.7.2016 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2016 and 2017, Part I, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2016)6833 of 20.10.2016 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2016 Part II, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2017)7757 of 17.11.2017 - Commission Implementing Decision on the Neighbourhood East Regional Action Programme 2017 Part I (including 1 action on budget 2018 and 2019), to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2017)7963 - Commission Implementing Decision of 27.11.2017 on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2017 Part 2 (including two actions on budget 2018 and two actions on budget 2018 & 2019), to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2018)3253 of 28.5.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018, Part 1, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2018)6298 of 4.10.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018 part II (including one action on the 2019 budget) to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2018)8184 of 29.11.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2018 part III to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2018)8170 of 5.12.2018 - Commission Implementing Decision on the annual action programme in favour of the Eastern Partnership region for 2018

C(2019)5165 of 3.7.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the annual ENI East Regional Action Programme 2019 part 1

C(2019)5639 of 24.7.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme for 2019, Part 2, including some actions to be carried out in 2020, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2019)7434 of 17.10.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2019, part 3, including some actions to be carried out in 2020, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2019)8382 of 19.11.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2019 part 4

C(2019)8735 of 28.11.2019 - Commission Implementing Decision on the annual action programme in favour of the Eastern Partnership region for 2019, Part 5

C(2020)4350 of 25.6.2020 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2020 Part 2, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2020)6304 of 18.9.2020 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2020 Part 3 to be financed from the general budget of the European Union

C(2020)3048 of 6.5.2020 - Commission Implementing Decision on a special measure concerning EU COVID-19 solidarity for the Eastern Partnership for 2020 to be financed from the general budget of the Union

C(2020)9248 of 15.12.2020 - Commission Implementing Decision on the ENI East Regional Action Programme 2020 part 4, to be financed from the general budget of the Union

Article 2

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 selected in accordance with point 4 (b) of the Annex.

Article 3

The amendment provided for by this Decision shall apply to costs incurred as from 24 February 2022 in accordance with article Article 193(2) of Regulation 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and under the specific conditions foreseen in the Annex of the present decision.

Done at Brussels, 11.3.2022

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