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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 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 (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action plan for the multi-country migration programme in favour of the Southern Neighbourhood for 2022, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2022 (Part II). Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') 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 TFEU³.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Multi-Country Migration Programme for the Southern Neighbourhood for 2021-2027⁴, which in line with the New Pact on Migration and Asylum⁵ and reflecting the Joint Communication on a Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood⁶, sets out the following priorities. The first priority addresses the need to provide protection to forcibly displaced persons, including asylum seekers, refugees, internally displaced persons, and other persons in need, including migrants in vulnerable situations, as well as host communities, notably

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, 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 the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

⁴ COM(2022) xxxxx – ISC ongoing.

⁵ COM(2020) 609 final

⁶ JOIN(2021) 2 final

in North Africa. The second priority aims at strengthening migration and asylum governance and management, while the third priority aims at fostering return, readmission and sustainable reintegration. Supporting a comprehensive approach to legal migration and mobility is the fourth priority.

- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Neighbourhood geographic programme of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument aim at promoting a regional holistic approach to labour migration governance, human capital development and labour mobility between North African countries and EU Member States.
- (5) The action entitled ‘EU support to legal migration, mobility and skills partnerships with North of African countries’ aims to increase employability and labour mobility for potential migrant workers in partner countries and EU Member States. This action is expected to contribute to delivering on the Joint vision for 2030 set out at the February 2022 European Union (EU)-African Union (AU) Summit.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation (UE, Euratom) 2018/1046 and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of this action plan.
- (7) 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 for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation.

To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (8) 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.
- (9) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) The action plan provided for in this decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The action plan

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the action plan for the multi-country migration programme in favour of the Southern Neighbourhood for 2022 Part II, as set out in the annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following action:

- ‘EU support to legal migration, mobility and skills partnerships with North of African countries’ set out in Annex I;

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022 is set at EUR 18 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- budget line 14.020110 - Southern neighbourhood for an amount of EUR 18 000 000

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 action carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex I, 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 I.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases⁷ 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 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 within the meaning 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, 22.11.2022

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁷ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.