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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 (1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Egypt for 2022, 2023 and 2024 it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing Decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2022, 2023 and 2024. 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 actions provided for in this Decision contribute to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal⁴ and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Egypt for the period 2021-2027⁵, 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.

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(2019)640 final of 11.12.2019

⁵ C(2022)4049 of 17/06/2022 Commission implementing Decision adopting a multiannual indicative programme for Egypt for the period 2021-2027

- (5) The objectives pursued by the multiannual action plan to be financed under the Neighbourhood geographic programme of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should support trade, industry and growth, should support food security and combat multidimensional poverty in rural areas; support equal opportunities and Human development; Women empowerment; and EU-Egypt cooperation.
- (6) The action entitled ‘EU TIGARA: EU Support to Trade, Industry, Growth and Rapid Market Access’ aims at contributing to the increased competitiveness and efficiency of the Egyptian private sector, which will lead to higher sustained economic growth and decent job creation.
- (7) The action entitled ‘EU for Decent Life (Haya Karima) – Combatting Multidimensional Poverty in Rural Areas in Egypt’ aims at improving the quality of life of the rural population affected by multi-dimensional poverty.
- (8) The action entitled ‘EU Support to Equal Opportunities and Human Development in Egypt’ aims at contributing to Egypt's efforts towards strengthening and supporting human rights, youth and civil society.
- (9) The action entitled ‘EU for Women Empowerment in Egypt (EU TAMKEEN)’ aims at enhancing women and girls’ rights and opportunities in different spheres.
- (10) The measure entitled ‘EU-Egypt Cooperation Facility 2022-2024’ aims at contributing to an enhanced cooperation and mutual understanding between the EU and Egypt.
- (11) The action entitled ‘EU Support to Food Security in Egypt’ aims to improve food security and the resilience of the food system in Egypt.
- (12) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (13) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 and Article 62(1)(c) of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action plan.
- (14) 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.
- (15) 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 Regulation⁶ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (16) 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.
- (17) 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.
- (18) 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.

⁶ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) 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 multiannual financing Decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of Egypt for 2022, 2023 and 2024, as set out in the annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- EU TIGARA: EU Support to Trade, Industry, Growth and Rapid Market Access set out in Annex I;
- EU for Decent Life (Haya Karima) – Countering Multidimensional Poverty in Unprivileged Rural Areas in Egypt set out in Annex II;
- EU Support to Equal Opportunities and Human Development in Egypt set out in Annex III;
- EU for Women Empowerment in Egypt (EU TAMKEEN) set out in Annex IV;
- EU-Egypt Cooperation Facility 2022-2024 set out in Annex V;
- EU Support to Food Security in Egypt set out in Annex VI.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2022, 2023 and 2024 is set at EUR 191 000 000, 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.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2023 and 2024 as adopted by the budgetary authority.

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 Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3.1 of the Annexes I, II, IV and VI and point 4.3.3 of the Annexes III and V.

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, 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 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.

Article 5
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annexes. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in Annex III selected in accordance with point 4.3.1 of this Annex.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2022

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

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