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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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amending Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 9178 final on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of Palestine¹ for 2023

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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 Union², 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 480/2009³ and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision C(2023) 9178 final⁴, the Commission adopted the annual action plan in favour of Palestine for 2023 including one action ‘PEGASE - Direct Financial Support to the Palestinian Authority 2023’.
- (2) The escalation of the war conflict between Hamas and Israel in Gaza and rapid deepening of the economic recession in the West Bank have led to a further deterioration of the already fragile fiscal situation of the Palestinian Authority (PA) : increased deductions from clearance revenues by the Government of Israel, additional restrictions on movement within and across cities, denied access for Palestinian workers to the Israeli labour market, reduced consumption and economic activity. The critical situation of the PA presents a serious risk of destabilizing the West Bank and the region. In order to respond to the most pressing financial needs and to support early steps towards recovery and possible reforms, the EU and the Palestinian Authority agreed in a Letter of Intent⁵ on an emergency financial support and the principles for a recovery & resilience programme, including the increase of EU the contribution to the payment of salaries of the PA civil servants
- (3) It is necessary to modify the annual action plan in favour of Palestine for 2023 and in particular, its Annex ‘PEGASE - Direct Financial Support to the Palestinian Authority 2023’ to increase the budget of the action by EUR 110 million under Direct

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² OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

³ OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision of 19.12.2023 on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of Palestine for 2023 (C(2023) 9178 final)

⁵ https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/letter-intent-between-palestinian-authority-and-european-commission_en

Management (Direct Financial Support – PEGASE) for Civil Servants and Pensioners (CSP) component.

- (4) Therefore, Decision C(2023) 9178 final should be amended accordingly.
- (5) The proposed assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU⁶.
- (6) This amendment is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI Neighbourhood Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Commission Implementing Decision C(2023) 9178 final is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 Union contribution is replaced by the following article:

*“Article 2
Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2023 is set at EUR 238 400 000, 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.”

- (2) Annex I is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 15.10.2024

*For the Commission,
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission*

⁶ 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.