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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 Union¹, 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(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Special Measure in favour of Israel for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2024 in accordance with Article 110(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (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 objectives pursued by the special measure to be financed under Regulation (EU) 2021/947 is to reinforce EU-Israel bilateral relations by supporting the global fight against antisemitism.
- (4) The Special Measure is justified by the unforeseen surge in antisemitic incidents and high levels of polarisation within the general population in particular since the 7 October 2023 Hamas' terrorist attacks against Israel and subsequent escalation of tensions and violence in the region.
- (5) The action entitled Support to the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan – Israel 2024 aims at contributing to fighting antisemitism through education, research and Holocaust remembrance.
- (6) It is necessary to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants in accordance with Article 198(f) of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) 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.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 239, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

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.

- (9) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI-GE Neighbourhood Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Special Measure in favour of Israel 2024, as set out in the annex[es], is adopted.

The measure shall consist of the action set out in the annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2024 is set at EUR 10 000 000.00, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020110 – Southern Neighbourhood 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

Increases⁴ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, 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 for the purposes 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. Those changes shall be applied 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 4.3.1.1. of the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 27.11.2024

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁴ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.