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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) 2021/1529 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 September 2021 establishing the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III)², and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of a support measure on monitoring and evaluation, audit, and communication of EU support to refugees in Türkiye, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2024.
- (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 support measure should cover expenditure for the provision of services for monitoring, evaluation, audit and communication on the priority areas of EU support to refugees in Türkiye, including protection and basic needs, education, health, socio-economic support and migration and border management.
- (4) The Facility for Refugees in Turkey (the "Facility") was set up in 2015 to support Türkiye in meeting the challenges involved in hosting and integrating the large number of refugees. The full operational budget of the Facility has been committed and contracted by the end of 2020, and implementation of projects is ongoing. Following the European Council conclusions of June 2021, the EU mobilised an additional package of support for refugees in Türkiye, ensuring the continuation of key Facility interventions with an allocation of EUR 3 billion for the period of 2021-23.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, 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.

- (5) Pursuant to Article 24 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947⁴ and Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, the adoption of this support measure is justified as services on monitoring and evaluation, audit, and communication shall continue to complement the assistance to refugees in Türkiye and the Facility. As such, it falls outside of the scope of the IPA III programming framework.
- (6) The objective of the action entitled, support measure on monitoring and evaluation, audit, and communication of EU support to refugees in Türkiye, is to cover expenditure related to data collection, analysis and systematic and objective assessment of the relevance, performance and success of the on-going or completed projects and interventions in Türkiye, and hence contribute to address the root causes of migration. It will complement and build on the results achieved within the framework of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey and the package of additional refugee support agreed in 2021, in continuation of two Support Measures⁵ under the Facility. It mirrors the latter in terms of the components proposed, i.e. monitoring and evaluation (M&E), audit, and communication. In this way, priorities such as sound financial management, awareness, visibility and understanding among the general public, the media, policy makers and other stakeholders within the EU, Türkiye and the international community shall be ensured.
- (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 support 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.
- (9) The support measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

⁴ 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, OJ L 209, 14.6.2021.

⁵ C(2019) 8101 final - Commission Implementing Decision of 19.11.2019 on the adoption of a support measure on monitoring and evaluation, audit and communication under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. C(2017) 3378 final - Commission Implementing Decision of 23.5.2017 on the support measure on monitoring, evaluation, audit and communication of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey.

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the support measure on monitoring and evaluation, audit, and communication of EU support to refugees in Türkiye, as set out in the Annex, 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 support measure referred to in Article 1 for 2024 is set at EUR 14 400 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 15.020101.03 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

Increases⁶ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, as well as extensions of the implementation and execution period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, 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.

Done at Brussels, 24.10.2024

For the Commission
Olivér VÁRHELYI
Member of the Commission

⁶These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision