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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 Union 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)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of inclusive quality education support for refugees in Türkiye 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.
- (2) The envisaged assistance should comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>2</sup>.
- (3) 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.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the individual 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.
- (5) It is justified to adopt the action as an individual measure as it is part of the 1 billion refugees' assistance package earmarked for the year 2024 under the EU support to refugees in Türkiye. It will advance the efforts undertaken within the framework of the assistance provided during the period 2021 to 2023, as a follow-up to the European Council conclusions of June 2021 and the work carried out under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey, which is a key component of the EU-Turkey Statement from March 2016<sup>3</sup>.
- (6) The objectives pursued by the individual measure should uphold the main educational interventions funded since the establishment of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 330, 20.9.2021, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.

<sup>3</sup> The action is not covered by the Programming Framework for the period 2021-2027, which outlines five thematic windows for achieving the specific objectives and thematic priorities of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529.

focusing primarily on meeting refugee needs, tackling their challenges, and promoting their welfare and integration into Turkish society.

- (7) The objective of the action entitled “*Enhancing inclusive quality education support for refugees in Türkiye*” is to ensure that refugee children receive quality education at pre-school, school and higher education levels, in a safe and supportive educational environment, and that the quality of education for the host community is also supported.
- (8) Pursuant to to Article 62(1), point (c), of the Financial Regulation and Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529, indirect management may be used for the implementation of the individual measure.
- (9) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation.
- (10) To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4)<sup>4</sup> of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (11) 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 (c) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the IPA III Committee established under Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1529.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The measure*

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the individual measure in favour of inclusive quality education support for refugees in Türkiye for 2024, 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 measure for 2024 is set at EUR 80 000 000 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.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2024, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

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<sup>4</sup> Except for the cases referred to in Article 157(7) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases<sup>5</sup> or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union 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 and execution period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those 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*  
*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, 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 in accordance with Article 9(1) of Regulation (EU)2021/1529.

*Article 5*  
*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 body of the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye, as referred to in the Annex, selected in accordance with point 4.3.1.

Done at Brussels, 21.11.2024

*For the Commission*  
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*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>5</sup> These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.