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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, 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 480/2009<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 23(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of a rapid response action regarding foreign policy needs in the United Kingdom, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision, which constitutes an individual measure for 2021.
- (2) Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (3) The envisaged rapid response action is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the measure to be financed under Regulation (EU) 2021/947 are to contribute to building a new relationship with the United Kingdom.
- (5) In accordance with Article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947, individual measures shall be based on programming documents, except for cases referred to in Article 23(5) and in other duly justified cases.
- (6) In the present case, the measure to be adopted concerns a rapid response action to address Union foreign policy needs and priorities as foreseen under Article 4(4)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/947, and therefore, the individual measure does not need to be based on a programming document.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu);

The sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying sanctions regimes. It is based on information from legal acts published in the Official Journal. In the event of discrepancy, it is those acts that prevail.

- (7) The action, ‘Building a new relationship with the United Kingdom’, aims to support the promotion of EU policies and priorities as well as to improve the engagement with key target audiences and potential partners across the UK.
- (8) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (9) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the measure, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.
- (10) The measure provided for in this decision does not fall within the categories of measures for which the prior opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 is required. The European Parliament and that Committee should be informed of this Decision within a month of its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
***The measure***

The annual financing decision, constituting the rapid response individual measure regarding foreign policy needs in the United Kingdom as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The measure shall include the action ‘Building a new relationship with the United Kingdom’.

*Article 2*  
***Union contribution***

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2021 is set at EUR 3 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14 02 03 30 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***

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes<sup>4</sup> 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 provided that those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the action.

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.

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<sup>4</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

Done at Brussels, 7.9.2021

*For the Commission*  
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