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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(2) and Article 24(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Annual Action Programme 2022 for the Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Crisis Preparedness part of the thematic programme Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2022. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (‘the Financial Regulation’) establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) The Commission has adopted on 14 December 2021 the thematic programme for Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention 2021-2027<sup>4</sup>. The priorities set out under the area of intervention “Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Crisis Preparedness” aim to enhance capabilities relating to analytical tools, methodologies, and mechanisms to better detect early signs of conflict; promote conflict prevention and conflict resolution measures, including by facilitating and building capacity in confidence-building, mediation, dialogue and reconciliation processes; and to support peace processes and transitions of conflict-affected societies / communities, including stabilisation and peacebuilding efforts.

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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). 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, the OJ prevails.

<sup>4</sup> C(2021) 8985.

- (4) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Programme 2022 to be financed under the ‘Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Crisis Preparedness’ part of the thematic programme ‘Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention’, are to support measures building and strengthening the capacity of the Union and its partners to prevent conflict, build peace and address pre- and post-crisis needs in close co-ordination with international, regional and sub-regional organisations, state and civil society actors.
- (5) The Action entitled “Support to in-country civil society actors in conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness” aims at supporting in-country civil society actors in their effort to prevent conflicts, respond to crises and build peace. Through actions implemented by civil society (local civil society organisations, international non-governmental organisations) in conflict-affected contexts, their institutional, operational and networking capacity will be strengthened in three priority areas relating to conflict prevention and peace-building: i) human security, resilience and stabilisation; ii) inclusivity in peace and security; iii) support to locally-led peacebuilding.
- (6) The Action entitled “Enhance EU capabilities for Early warning and conflict analysis” aims to strengthen risk awareness of the EU, as well as the international community and third country local stakeholders, engaged in issues related to conflict prevention and peace, in particular enhancing the capacity to prevent the emergence, re-emergence or escalation of violent conflict by strengthening the translation of conflict analysis into early action and response. It will specifically enhance the European Union’s conflict prevention capacities by enabling policy-making actors across the EU to identify and act upon conflict risks before they lead to violence. This will be achieved by facilitating access to independent expert early warning information as well as fostering forward-looking exchanges on early action options.
- (7) The Action entitled “Inclusivity in Peace and Security” aims on the one hand at accelerating achievements in the domain of gender equality and providing an in-depth focus on inclusive participation of youth, the elderly and other groups for more effective conflict prevention and peacebuilding processes and initiatives. As a second objective, the Action also includes protection of specific groups in conflict and fragile situations. Addressing Gender-Based-Violence (GBV) is an integral aspect of the overall Women, Peace and Security agenda, as it gives attention to the incidence and prevalence of violence against women in conflict and post-conflict settings. One focus will be on mechanisms to address the needs of victims of GBV.
- (8) The Action entitled “Conflict sensitive natural resources management” aims at supporting the mining sector governance efforts with its overarching objective of contributing to peace-building and stabilisation efforts in mineral-rich fragile areas through the promotion of responsible sourcing and trading of gold and diamonds. The Action engages with actors at regional, national and local level. A second objective is to raise awareness of environmental management in mining governance and encourage locally led, conflict sensitive environmental degradation mitigating activities, in particular with artisanal and alluvial miners. Finally, the action will support research and dialogue for better understanding risks of conflict caused or exacerbated by mining for green transition, in particular in conflict-prone and vulnerable countries and regions. The Commission should acknowledge and accept contributions from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement. Where such contributions are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.

- (9) The Action entitled “Underpinning multilateral solutions to sustain and build peace” focuses on support to multilateralism as a means to foster peace and security and as a cross-cutting theme of the EU’s approach to conflict and crisis and threats to peace and security. It includes a renewed support to the UN-EU partnership on insider mediation, which seeks to increase awareness of and knowledge about insider mediation. The Action also intends to reinforce its contribution to the tripartite cooperation between the EU, the UN and the World Bank on post-crisis assessments. This will be achieved through the provision of technical assistance, capacity building and support national and regional stakeholders to roll-out post-crisis assessment methodologies.
- (10) The Action entitled “Support Measures” aims at establishing a flexible structure to provide reliable and effective technical assistance to beneficiaries in the areas covered by the Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Crisis Preparedness part of the thematic programme Peace, Stability and Conflict prevention of the NDICI-GE and address new challenges. This may, inter alia, include risk analysis, gender analysis, climate and environment mainstreaming studies, trainings, strategy support, and needs assessment missions.
- (11) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (12) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (13) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation<sup>5</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (14) 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.
- (15) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (16) The action programme provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument Committee established by Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The Annual Action Plan*

The annual financing decision, constituting the Annual Action Programme 2022 for the implementation of the Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Crisis Preparedness part of the thematic programme Peace, Stability and Conflict Prevention, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

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<sup>5</sup> Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.

The action programme shall include the following actions:

- Support to in-country civil society actors in conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis preparedness, set out in Annex I;
- Enhance EU capabilities for Early warning and conflict analysis, set out in Annex II;
- Inclusivity in peace and security, set out in Annex III;
- Conflict sensitive natural resources management, set out in Annex IV;
- Underpinning multilateral solutions to sustain and build peace, set out in Annex V;
- Support measures, set out in Annex VI.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action programme for 2022 is set at EUR 41 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14 02 02 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*  
*Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annexes, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.3 of Annexes III, IV, V and VI.

*Article 4*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes<sup>6</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 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.

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<sup>6</sup> These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

*Article 5*  
*Grants*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annexes. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to or selected in accordance with point 4.3 of Annexes I, II, III, IV and VI.

Done at Brussels, 21.6.2022

*For the Commission*  
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