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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<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(1) and (2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the action plan for EU foreign policy needs on support to EU public and climate diplomacy for 2024, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which is to constitute 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 is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union<sup>3</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 action plan, 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) The action provided for in this Decision should contribute to climate and gender-equality mainstreaming in line with Commission Communication 'The European Green Deal'<sup>4</sup> and in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj>.

<sup>3</sup> See [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> COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources<sup>5</sup>.

- (6) The objectives pursued by the action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 are to enable the EU to address short and medium-term foreign policy needs and opportunities by supporting innovative policies/initiatives and by deepening EU relations and dialogues, forging alliances and partnerships. In particular, this action will enhance the ability of the European Union to play its role of “convener” and “agenda influencer” within international and multilateral organisations and reinforce the EU’s engagement with local governments in the Amazonian countries.
- (7) The action plan aims to implement a rapid response action, pursuant to Article 23(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 and is justified by the imperative foreign policy interest for the EU to respond quickly to emerging foreign policy needs.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Support to EU public and climate diplomacy for 2024’ aims to 1) enhance the ability of the European Union to play its role of “convener” and “agenda influencer” in key policy areas within international and multilateral organisations and to 2) strengthen the EU’s engagement with local governments in the Amazonian countries.
- (9) The action plan provided for in this Decision does not fall within the categories of action plans for which the prior opinion of the Committee is required. The European Parliament and Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 should be informed of this Decision within one month following its adoption.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

#### **The action plan**

The financing decision, constituting the action plan for EU foreign policy needs on support to EU public and climate diplomacy for 2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: ‘Support to EU public and climate diplomacy for 2024’, set out in the Annex.

#### *Article 2*

#### **Union contribution**

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2024 is set at EUR 3 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union: 14 02 03 30 – Foreign Policy Needs.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

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<sup>5</sup> Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management, as well as on new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources (OJ L 433 I, 22.12.2020, p. 28, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree\\_interinstit/2020/1222/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinstit/2020/1222/oj)).

*Article 3*  
**Flexibility clause**

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 and not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union 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, 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.

Done at Brussels, 19.11.2024

*For the Commission*  
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*High Representative / Vice-President*

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