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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 ('the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism², and in particular Article 25(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. Article 110 of Regulation '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 TFEU³.
- (3) The Union Civil Protection Mechanism established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU, aims to strengthen cooperation between the Union and Member States and facilitate coordination in the field of civil protection in order to improve the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters.
- (4) The Annual Work Programme 2021, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, identifies the actions that should be eligible for financial assistance under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in the field of prevention, preparedness and horizontal actions.
- (5) 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.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

³ 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.

- (6) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants⁴ on the basis of points (c), (d) or (f) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment based on Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Civil Protection Committee established by Article 33 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for 2021, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

1. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2021 is set at EUR 73 216 433 . It shall be financed from contributions from other donors to the general budget of the Union and from the appropriations entered in budget line 06 05 01 of the general budget of the Union.
2. The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.
3. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2021, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes⁵ to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

⁴ Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

⁵ These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.

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
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with points (c), (d) or (f) of Article 195 of the Financial Regulation and the conditions set out in the Annex. They may be awarded to the bodies selected in accordance with actions set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, 18.2.2021

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission