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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, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action², and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the annual action programme part 2 in favour of Bangladesh it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2018. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 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 Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the period 2014-2020⁴, which, following its revision after the mid-term review⁵, sets out the following priorities: strengthening of democratic governance, food and nutrition security and sustainable development, and education and human development.
- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual action programme part 2 for 2018 to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument⁶ are to contribute to sustained and equitable socio-economic growth in Bangladesh.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.

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.

⁴ C(2014) 5718 of 18.08.2014.

⁵ C(2018) 4741 of 20.7.2018, "Addendum to the Multiannual Indicative Programme between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the period 2014-2020".

⁶ Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation for the period 2014-2020 (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 44).

- (5) The action entitled "Supporting the implementation of the Public Finance Management (PFM) reform strategic plan in Bangladesh" aims to strengthen domestic revenue mobilisation and domestic accountability. The action will be implemented via targeted technical assistance for capacity building.
- (6) The action entitled "support to National Social Security Strategy reforms in Bangladesh" aims to upgrade the country's social protection system with a focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of social assistance programmes for the poor and vulnerable and reinforcing their impact on maternal and young child nutrition. The action will be implemented through a sector budget support (sector reform performance contract) with complementary measures.
- (7) 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.
- (8) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the 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 measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 233/2014,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The programme

The annual action programme part 2 in favour of Bangladesh for 2018, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- Annex 1: Supporting the implementation of the Public Finance Management (PFM) reform strategic plan in Bangladesh;
- Annex 2: Support to National Social Security Strategy reforms in Bangladesh.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2018 is set at EUR 142 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the budget of the Union: 21.020200.

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 10 000 000 not exceeding 20 % of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes 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 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.

Done at Brussels, 7.9.2018

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission