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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,


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 2019 for the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) programme in the area of Migration and Asylum, to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument³, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2019. 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 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)⁴.

(3) The Commission has adopted on 30 July 2018 a Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) for the Thematic Programme on Global Public Goods and Challenges for the period 2018-2020⁵. This MIP includes an area of action related to migration and asylum, with the following components: strengthening the migration-development nexus (component 1); ensuring safe, regular and orderly migration (component 2); and

² OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.
⁴ 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.
The objectives pursued by the annual action programme 2019 to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument are: to contribute to safe, orderly and regular migration; to ensure that children on the move are effectively protected and their rights realized; to help refugees and other displaced persons become accepted and productive members of their host communities and participate in furthering their common socio-economic resilience and development; to reduce inequality between vulnerable Venezuelan migrants and refugees and host community members; and contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the DCI Global Public Goods and Challenges Migration and Asylum programme by providing support to the EU Delegations and Headquarter services.

The action entitled ‘EU Global Migration Capacity Building Support’ aims at contributing to safe, orderly and regular migration, more specifically by improving migration governance at national, regional and global levels, through enhanced capacity and improved coordination.

The action entitled ‘EU Global promotion of best practices for children in migration’ aims at effectively protecting children on the move and realizing their rights. More specifically, child protection systems should include quality and integrated gender sensitive services in reception centres and other care and attention facilities, have psycho-social services and prevention mechanisms addressing gender-based violence and other structural problems, provide alternative care options, with emphasis on community and family-based alternatives. Exchanges of good practices and lessons learnt will serve as evidence for the protection of children in migration in different contexts, based on empirical evidence and data.

The action entitled: ‘Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility for Refugees’ aims at helping refugees and other displaced persons become accepted and productive members of their host communities and participate in furthering their common socio-economic resilience, and development. More specifically the action will ensure that stakeholders make greater use of relevant data (including statistics) and analysis of the socio-economic and wider environmental impact of a refugee situation as well as of improved evidence on the effects of interventions; and it will promote more effective development-oriented policy decisions by host countries, donors, development partners, UNHCR, the UN system and other stakeholders when they respond to new, recurrent and protracted refugee situations.

The action entitled: ‘Fostering cities of solidarity for migration and displacement from Venezuela – Second phase’ aims at reducing inequality between vulnerable Venezuelan migrants and refugees and host community members. More specifically, the objective is to strengthen host communities’ and local basic service providers’ acceptance and protection of migrant and displaced persons living in vulnerable situations.

The action entitled “Support measures 2019” is conceived to assist the EU Delegations, Headquarter services and beneficiary countries in order to contribute to the achievement of the objectives and specific results of the DCI Global Public Goods and Challenges Migration and Asylum programme.

Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.

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.

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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.


HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

**The programme**

The annual action programme 2019 for the Global Public Goods and Challenges in the area of migration and asylum, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions:

(a) “EU Global Migration Capacity Building Support” as set out in Annex 1;
(b) “EU Global promotion of best practices for children in migration” as set out in Annex 2;
(c) “Lives in Dignity – EU Global Facility for Refugees” as set out in Annex 3;
(d) “Fostering cities of solidarity for migration and displacement from Venezuela – Second phase” as set out in Annex 4;
(e) “Support Measures 2019” as set out in Annex 5.

**Article 2**

**Union contribution**

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 is set at EUR 49 250 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union: Budget line BGUE-B-2019-21.020705-C1-DEVCO.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.
The Commission should acknowledge and accept contributions from other donors in accordance with Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, subject to the conclusion of the relevant agreement. Where such contributions are not denominated in euro, a reasonable estimate of conversion should be made.

Article 3
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the actions to be 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 5.3 of Annex 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Article 4
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, 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, in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 24.7.2019

For the Commission
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