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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 (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the establishment of a programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014², and in particular Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health programme') for the period 2021-2027, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which also constitutes the annual work programme for 2024.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522, third countries can be associated to the EU4Health programme.
- (3) The planned financial assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out in the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (4) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 62(1)(c) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation'), indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the EU4Health programme.
- (6) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment pursuant to Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1.

- (7) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme for 2024, it is appropriate to allow changes to that work programme, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) The Commission consulted the EU4Health Steering Group and stakeholders during the preparation of the work programme for 2024 in accordance with Articles 15(3) and 16(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/522.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EU4Health Programme Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The work programme for 2024

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the EU4Health programme for 2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the EU4Health programme for 2024 is set at EUR 726 723 832 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union: budget line 06 06 01.

Estimated additional contributions from EFTA countries for their participation in the programme: EUR 25 726 024.

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

Implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2024, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority of the Union or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations and the contributions of EFTA countries and other countries associated to the programme.

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 Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in part D of the Annex.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions or the objective of the work

programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes to the allocations referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Article 5

Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex.

Article 6

Financial instruments

An amount of EUR 10 000 000 from the sectorial EU4Health programme in 2024 shall be allocated to actions under blending operations. Blending operations shall be implemented under indirect management by the European Investment Bank.

Done at Brussels, 5.12.2023

For the Commission

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