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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 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(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and guarantee the continuity of emergency response actions thereunder, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision for the year 2024. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('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) Commission Decision 2014/762/EU⁴, and in particular Chapters 12 and 13 thereof, set out the response actions under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. These actions should consist in the dispatching of expert teams, giving financial support to transporting civil protection assistance in the event of disasters inside and outside the Union, as well as providing financial support to operational costs of deployment of assistance from the European Civil Protection Pool and rescEU reserve inside and

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.

⁴ Commission Implementing Decision 2014/762/EU of 16 October 2014 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism (OJ L 320, 6.11.2014, p. 1).

outside the Union, in accordance with Commission Decision (EU) 2019/1310 laying down rules on the operation of the European Civil Protection Pool and rescEU⁵.

- (4) Pursuant to a request for assistance, there may be a need to take additional necessary supporting and complementary actions in order to facilitate the coordination under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, in accordance with Article 22, point c) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (5) The Union financial support for transport resources should cover eligible costs such as short-term rental of warehousing capacities, repackaging of Member States' assistance⁶ and local transport of pooled assistance, where this is necessary to make the pooling of Member States' assistance operationally effective, in accordance with Article 23(4) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.
- (6) In accordance with Article 12 of Commission Decision (EU) 2019/1310⁷, the Union financial assistance for the operational costs referred to in Article 23(2), 23(4b) and 23(4c) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU should cover all the costs of running a capacity during an operation that are necessary to make it operationally effective.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants.
- (8) Pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 25(5) and Article 32(1) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, the financing of actions falling under the disaster response laid down in Chapter IV of said Decision, which cannot be provided for in advance, does not pertain to the matters on which the Commission is to adopt implementing acts in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 33(2) of that Decision. Union financial assistance under this Decision is to be provided to support transport, operations and any additional necessary supporting and complementary action support within and outside the Union as well as dispatching expertise on site in the contexts of disasters for which response is to be provided under Chapter IV of Decision No 1313/2013/EU. The occurrence and severity of said disasters being unforeseeable, it is not possible to provide in advance either the specific timing or the precise modalities of any potential disaster response under Chapter IV of Decision No 1313/2013/EU. Considering this factual context, this Decision does not need to be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 33(2) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU,

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1310 of 31 July 2019 laying down rules on the operation of the European Civil Protection Pool and rescEU (OJ L 204, 02.08.2019, p. 94).

⁶ In light of Article 28(1a) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, where reference is made to Member States, it shall be understood as including Participating States as defined in Article 4(12) of Decision No 1313/2013/EU.

⁷ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1310 of 31 July 2019 laying down rules on the operation of the European Civil Protection Pool and rescEU (OJ L 204, 2.8.2019, p. 94).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Emergency response actions

The annual financing decision on the financing of emergency response actions under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for 2024, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

1. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the emergency response actions for 2024 is set at EUR 15 000 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 06.0501⁸ - Union Civil Protection Mechanism of the general budget of the Union:

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

2. The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2024, 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 changes 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 for the purposes 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 measures provided for by this Decision. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

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.

⁸ Under reserve of nomenclature changes. In case of application of the system of provisional twelfths, nomenclature should be aligned with the structure of the 2024 budget.

Article 4
Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to competent authorities designated by Member States as set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to under point 2.1 of the Annex, which constitute other entities authorised by the Member State to request and receive financial support from the Commission on behalf of that Member State.

Done at Brussels, 30.1.2024

For the Commission
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