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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 966/2012<sup>1</sup>, 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 Mechanism<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 25(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The multiannual work programme for years 2021-2024 and the financing thereof was adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022)<sup>3</sup>. In that Decision, the Commission set the maximum Union contribution for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism ('UCPM') established by Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council at EUR 1 155 228 892 for years 2021-2024.
- (2) The Commission established the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) by Decision C(2021) 6712 final<sup>4</sup>, which became operational 1 January 2022 as a new Commission service. Activities of HERA will be financed using funds of existing programmes under the MFF 2021-2027, such as the EU4Health programme, Horizon Europe Health Cluster and the UCPM.
- (3) HERA actions that are funded from the UCPM will be implemented in accordance with the conditions set out in Decision No 1313/2013/EU. Those actions should be implemented under the action entitled 'rescEU capacities' as laid down under point 2.2.3 of the work programme. In addition, the IT Platform will be implemented under action 3.8 of the work programme entitled 'IT support system'.
- (4) Accordingly, the budgetary allocation for HERA-related activities in the amount of EUR 630 000 000 concerning 2022 should be reflected in the multi-annual work

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> C(2022) 961 final Commission Implementing Decision of 21.2.2022 on the financing of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and adopting a multi-annual work programme for 2021-2024 and repealing Implementing Decision C(2021)935 final.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Commission Decision of 16.9.2021 establishing the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (C(2021) 6712 final).

programme of the UCPM for 2021-2024, along with the modification to the respective actions in the work programme.

- (5) The preparedness actions introduced by this amendment will address future major crises with significant public health consequences and thereby also seek to mitigate adverse economic consequences of the COVID-19 crisis.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Decision C(2022) 961 final should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## Sole Article

Decision C(2022) 961 final is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

#### 'Article 2 Union contribution

- 1. The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the work programme for 2021-2024 is set at EUR **1 804 169 598**<sup>5</sup>. It shall be financed from contributions from other donors to the general budget of the Union and from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:
  - (a) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) under the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021: EUR 127 740 471;
  - (b) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) under the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2022: EUR 99 845 196;
  - (c) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) under the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2023: EUR 27 500 000;
  - (d) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) under the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2024: EUR 161 895 601;
  - (e) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) from funds made available under the European Union Recovery Instrument for 2021: EUR 656 018 678;
  - (f) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) from funds made available under the European Union Recovery Instrument for 2022: EUR 692 993 652;
  - (g) budget line 06.0501 Union Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU) from funds made available under the European Union Recovery Instrument for 2023: EUR 38 176 000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The total financial allocation for 2021-2024 is composed of EUR 1 387 188 330 from the European Union Recovery Instrument and EUR 416 981 268 from the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The latter includes an estimated amount of EUR 44 041 823 from participating states contributions that are subject to further changes

- 2. The appropriations provided for in paragraph 1 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 general draft budget of the Union for 2023 and 2024 following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority.
- 4. Funding from the European Union Recovery Instrument shall only be used if the following cumulative conditions are met for each individual financing decision:
  - (a) The funding shall be used for preparedness measures clearly related to the difficulties faced during the COVID-19 crisis, and that aim to address the risk of further waves of COVID-19 and of major crises of a similar nature, with significant public health consequences, as well as to allow for capacity building at Union level to enhance preparedness for future major crises of a similar nature, with significant public health consequences;
  - (b) Funding of activities in third countries or benefitting third countries is only possible where those activities increase the preparedness of the Union for the crises referred to in point a.'
- (2) The Annex to Decision C(2022) 961 final is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 25.4.2022

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