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

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the 'ENI South Annual Action Programme 2019, part 2, including some actions to be carried out in 2020', it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing Decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme for 2019 and 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing Decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is deemed to follow the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU <sup>(3)</sup>.
- (3) The Commission has adopted the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) Regional South Strategy Paper (2014-2020) <sup>(4)</sup> and the Multiannual Indicative Programme (2018-2020) <sup>(5)</sup> which set the following priorities: (i) building resilience and promoting stability; (ii) fostering inclusive and sustainable economic development and job creation; and (iii) support for capacity development/institution building of regional bodies.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 77, 15.03.2014, p. 95.

<sup>3</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) Please 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 between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

<sup>4</sup> [http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/enp/pdf/financing-the-enp/regional\\_south\\_strategy\\_paper\\_2014\\_2020\\_and\\_multiannual\\_indicative\\_programme\\_2014\\_2017\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/enp/pdf/financing-the-enp/regional_south_strategy_paper_2014_2020_and_multiannual_indicative_programme_2014_2017_en.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> C(2018) 6362 Commission Implementing Decision adopted 5 October 2018.

- (4) The objectives pursued by the annual action programme to be financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument <sup>(6)</sup> are to: facilitate regional integration through trade and investment; strengthen the consultative function of economic and social partners in the Euro-Mediterranean region and contribute to reinforcing human rights, the rule of law and democracy in the Southern Mediterranean region.
- (5) The first action entitled ‘Inclusive Economic Development and Job Creation in the Neighbourhood South’ aims to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth focused on decent job creation and greater regional integration through enhanced and better informed trade and investment policy-making processes in the Southern Neighbourhood countries.
- (6) The second action entitled ‘EU Support to the Council of Europe South Programme IV’ aims to allow the Council of Europe to continue delivering its actions in the Southern Neighbourhood in favour of democratic governance, rule of law, reinforcement of the constitutional processes, justice, anti-corruption and human rights with particular attention given to activities combatting violence against women.
- (7) The third action entitled ‘Promotion of Social Dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood, SOLiD II’ will support two components; (1) ‘Inclusive and structured social dialogue’ and (2) ‘Social dialogue to bridge the employability gap’ which aim to build resilient societies through an enhanced and reinforced social dialogue and partnerships, decent work and social inclusion and access to social justice for all in the Southern Mediterranean region.
- (8) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals, pursuant to Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 to the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) because it is the main international trade union organisation, representing the interests of 207 million employees in 163 countries and territories and has 331 national affiliates. The ITUC has general consultative status at the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).
- (9) Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.

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<sup>6</sup> Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 27).

- (13) The actions provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Neighbourhood Instrument Committee established under Article 15 of the financing instrument referred to in recital 4.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The programme*

The ENI South Annual Action Programme 2019, part 2, including some actions to be carried out in 2020, to be financed from the general budget of the European Union, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following actions:

- Annex I: Inclusive Economic Development and Job Creation in the Neighbourhood South;
- Annex II: EU Support to the Council of Europe South Programme IV;
- Annex III: Promotion of Social Dialogue in the Southern Mediterranean Neighbourhood, SOLiD II.

*Article 2*  
*Union Contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 and 2020 is set at EUR 21 million, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- Annex I - budget line 22.040102 for an amount of:
  - EUR 11 million from the general budget of the Union for 2019;
- Annex II - budget line 22.040101 for an amount of:
  - EUR 3 million from the general budget of the Union for 2020;
- Annex III - budget line 22.040102 for an amount of:
  - EUR 3 million from the general budget of the Union for 2019;
  - EUR 4 million from the general budget of the Union for 2020.

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

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2020, following the adoption of that budget by the budgetary authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

*Article 3*  
*Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions may be entrusted under indirect management to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in points 5.3.1 of the Annexes I and II and in point 5.3.2 of Annex III.

*Article 4*  
*Flexibility clause*

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 million not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, considering each financial year separately, 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 within the meaning of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible shall adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

*Article 5*  
*Grants*

A grant may be awarded without a call for proposals pursuant to Article 195 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 to the body referred to in point 5.3.1 of Annex III.

Done at Brussels, 17.10.2019

*For the Commission,*  
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*Member of the Commission*