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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, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme for the period of 2022-2027. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (“the Financial Regulation”) establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation and the conditions stipulated therein.
- (3) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which are not considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund for 2022-2027 (“the work programme”), as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the operational technical assistance is set at EUR 4 572 871 for 2022, EUR 5 074 352 for 2023, EUR 5 177 575 for 2024, EUR 5 378 153 for 2025, EUR 5 576 014 for 2026, and EUR 5 671 091 for 2027,

respectively, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

Budget line 08 04 03 - European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund operational technical assistance.

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:

- (a) as provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2022, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths;
- (b) as provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum annual 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 work programme. The increase of the maximum annual Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The responsible authorising officer 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.

Done at Brussels, 16.12.2021

For the Commission
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