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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU),

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 its Article 110,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 58(2)(d) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, appropriations for activities with an indefinite duration, carried out by the Commission by virtue of tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level pursuant to the TFEU and the Euratom Treaty, other than its right of legislative initiative to submit proposals as referred to in point (b) of that article, and under specific powers directly conferred on it by Articles 154, 156, 159 and 160 TFEU, Article 168(2), Article 171(2) and Article 173(2) TFEU, the second paragraph of Article 175 TFEU, Article 181(2) TFEU, Article 190 TFEU and Article 210(2) and Article 214(6) TFEU and Articles 70 and 77 to 85 of the Euratom Treaty, may be implemented without a basic act.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures<sup>2</sup> adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) Communication is one of the Commission's tasks resulting from its prerogatives at institutional level.
- (4) To implement activities in the field of communication, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the work programme for 2024. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (5) The Communication to the Commission from President von der Leyen and Commissioner Hahn, the Corporate communication action in 2021-2023 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 'Communicating a Union that strives for more' of 18.12.2020<sup>3</sup> and the Communication to the Commission on corporate

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

<sup>2</sup> 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: [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu)

<sup>3</sup> C(2020)9390 final

communication action in 2024-2027<sup>4</sup> provided for activities financed under the prerogative powers of the Commission in the field of communication, and an additional budget of EUR 4 650 000 for the year 2024 was allocated to the Directorate-General for Communication for its operational activities.

- (6) The work programme should contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the Commission Communication ‘The European Green Deal’<sup>5</sup> and as laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 16 December 2020 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on budgetary discipline, cooperation in budgetary matters and sound financial management, as well as new own resources, including a roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources.
- (7) 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.
- (8) To allow for flexibility in implementing the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

##### *Work programme*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for implementing the Directorate-General for Communication’s operational activities for 2024, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

#### *Article 2*

##### *EU contribution*

The maximum EU contribution for implementing the 2024 budget implementation programme is set at EUR 114 122 000 for 2024, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the EU:

#### **2024**

- (a) budget line 07 20 04 02: EUR 48 334 000;
- (b) budget line 07 20 04 03: EUR 28 070 000;
- (c) budget line 07 20 04 04: EUR 33 068 000;
- (d) budget line 14 20 04 03: EUR 4 650 000.

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

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<sup>4</sup> COM(2023)6467 final of 29.09.2023

<sup>5</sup> COM (2019) 640 final of 11 December 2019.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the EU for 2024, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

### *Article 3*

#### *Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific activities not exceeding 20% of the maximum EU 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 Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, if those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the activities and the objective of the work programme. The increase in the maximum EU 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.

### *Article 4*

#### *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.

Done at Brussels, 15.12.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Ursula VON DER LEYEN*  
*The President*