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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 Regulation (EU) 2023/2418 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on establishing an instrument for the reinforcement of the European defence industry through common procurement (EDIRPA)² and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of EDIRPA, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2024-2025.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures³ adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2418, EDIRPA is to be implemented under direct management in accordance with the Financial Regulation.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 12(4) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2418, the work programme is to set out funding priorities and the applicable funding conditions in line with the needs referred to in Article 3(2). Those funding priorities shall aim to ensure the availability of sufficient quantities of the most urgent and critical defence products to fill the most urgent capability gaps, as referred to in Section 4 of the joint communication on ‘the Defence Investment Gaps Analysis and Way Forward’.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1.

² OJ L 26.10.2023/2418

³ See 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

- (5) 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.
- (6) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to determine the changes, which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2023/2418.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of EDIRPA for years 2024-2025 as set out in the Annex is hereby adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for years 2024-2025 is set at EUR 310 110 000 and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line BGUE-B2024-13.060100: EUR 268 733 368
- (b) budget line BGUE-B2025-13.060100: EUR 41 376 632

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 general budget of the Union for 2025 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20 % of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

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.

Done at Brussels, 15.3.2024

For the Commission
Thierry BRETON
Member of the Commission