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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 the Regulation on the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund for the years 2021-2027 to be adopted in 2021, and in particular Article 10 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 an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2021. 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.
- (3) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of 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

The work programme

- (1) The financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund for 2021 (“the work programme”), as set out in the Annex, is adopted.
- (2) The work programme is subject to the adoption of the Regulation on the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund for the years 2021-2027 by the European Parliament and the Council without substantial modifications.

Article 2

Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the operational technical assistance for 2021 is set at EUR 4,589,290, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union for 2021:

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.

Article 3

Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum 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 Union 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.

Done at Brussels, 4.6.2021

For the Commission

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