

- (6) The action entitled ‘Support Measure – Cooperation Facility for Mozambique’, has the overall objective to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the EU-Mozambique partnership.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (8) 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 the Financial Regulation. 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 the Financial Regulation<sup>5</sup> and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (9) 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.
- (10) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (11) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The action plan*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual plan for the implementation of the annual action plan in favour of the Republic of Mozambique for 2023 – Part 1, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) ‘Support to Democratic Governance in Mozambique’ set out in Annex 1;
- (b) ‘Support Measure – Cooperation Facility for Mozambique’ set out in Annex 2.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the action plan for 2023 is set at EUR 9 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget line 14.020122 of the general budget of the Union.

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

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<sup>5</sup> Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.