

enhance the EU-Turkmenistan partnership and promote the EU's long-term interest in supporting Turkmenistan's re-engagement with the outside world, while supporting its more sustainable, inclusive and democratic development, with special focus on vulnerable groups, to leave no one behind.

- (6) The action entitled 'EU - Turkmenistan Cooperation Facility 2024-2027' aims at i) enhancing the effectiveness of the EU-Turkmenistan relations and policy dialogue and increasing awareness and understanding of the EU and its role in the country, the region and the world; ii) improving the alignment of Turkmenistan with international rule of law and human rights standards, including labour rights and gender equality; iii) enhancing the effectiveness of implementation of climate change measures that incorporate Paris Agreement and Global Methane Pledge requirements including on emissions reduction, green transition and the improvement of the business climate.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 62(1), point (c), of the Financial Regulation and Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the actions.
- (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 157(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 157(4) of the Financial Regulation⁷ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(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 multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual action plan in favour of Turkmenistan for 2024-2027, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following action: "EU – Turkmenistan Cooperation Facility 2024-2027" set out in the Annex.

Article 2 *Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the multiannual action plan for 2024-2027 is set at EUR 7 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in budget lines of the general budget of the Union:

⁷ Except for the cases of Article 157(7) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.