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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<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/522 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the establishment of a Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 282/2014<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 7(1), Article 13(1) point (b) and Article 17(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') for the period 2021-2027, annual financing decisions which constitute the annual work programme are to be adopted.
- (2) Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final<sup>3</sup> establishes the annual work programme for the EU4Health Programme for the year 2022.
- (3) It is necessary to amend the EU4Health work programme for the year 2022 in view of further addressing the need to protect people in the Union from serious cross-border health threats, in particular filoviruses, and ensuring a greater preparedness and response by supporting the development of relevant medical countermeasures.
- (4) Emerging serious cross-border health threats often have a global impact and therefore need to be addressed from a global perspective. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that threats arising in other parts of the world have a huge impact on health worldwide, including in the Union. In 2023, two Marburg virus outbreaks took place in the African continent. This amendment aims to support the timely development of safe and effective medical countermeasures against filoviruses, therefore reinforcing the prevention of, the preparedness for and response to serious cross-border threats to health at Union level.

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

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 107, 26.3.2021, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Commission Implementing Decision of 14.1.2022 on the financing of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') and the adoption of the work programme for 2022.

- (5) Part of the planned funding for supporting Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) actions cannot be pursued due to insufficient number of eligible proposals submitted to the Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA) related to the structured dialogue for health procurement CP-g-22-01.05<sup>4</sup> and an underspending from the action CP-g-22.01.04<sup>5</sup> aimed at supporting whole genome sequencing. This part of the budget should be allocated to a new action to support the World Health Organization (WHO) to conduct clinical trials in Africa addressing the need to support the timely development of safe and effective medical countermeasures against filoviruses, including Marburg virus. This action would allow to fill a prevention and treatment gap and to protect people in the Union and globally. This action should be implemented via the conclusion of a contribution agreement (indirect management): support to clinical trials in Africa against filoviruses (CP-g-22-01.09).
- (6) Since the proposed changes are substantial, the annual financing decision constituting the 2022 work programme should be amended in accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation, preceding the contribution agreement that should be signed by the end of 2023 to allow WHO to benefit from the allocated Union funds.
- (7) Therefore, Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final should be amended accordingly.
- (8) The EU4Health Steering Group has been informed during the preparation of this Decision.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EU4Health Programme Committee established by Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2021/522,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole article*

*Amendment to Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final*

Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 317 final is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 25.7.2023

*For the Commission*  
*Stella KYRIAKIDES*  
*Member of the Commission*

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<sup>4</sup> Annex I to the Commission Implementing Decision of 14.1.2022 on the financing of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') and the adoption of the work programme for 2022, pp. 36-37.

<sup>5</sup> Annex I to the Commission Implementing Decision of 14.1.2022 on the financing of the Programme for the Union's action in the field of health ('EU4Health Programme') and the adoption of the work programme for 2022, pp. 10-12.