

- (6) The action entitled ‘Support on an Enabling Environment for Elections in South Sudan’ aims to promote a peaceful and enabling environment for inclusive and transparent democratic processes to take place.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Cooperation Facility 2022-2023’ aims to contribute to the strategic visibility of the EU in South Sudan, to ensure a sufficient level of monitoring of EU supported projects and technical assistance in the development of new projects for EU to support.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (9) 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.
- (10) 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 Regulation⁵ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 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 for the implementation of the multiannual action plan in favour of the Republic of South Sudan for 2022 and 2023 part 1, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The action plan shall include the following actions:

- (a) Strengthening local governance and resilience in South Sudan set out in Annex 1;
- (b) Support on an Enabling Environment for Elections in South Sudan set out in Annex 2;
- (c) Cooperation Facility 2022-2023 set out in Annex 3.

⁵ 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.