

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 15.12.2023

on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of the Republic of South Africa for 2023

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 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009², and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Annual Action Plan in favour of the Republic of South Africa for 2023, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The action provided for in this Decision contributes to climate mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal⁴.
- (4) The Commission has adopted the Multiannual Indicative Programme for the Republic of South Africa for the period 2021-2027⁵, which sets out the following priorities of Sustainable, resilient, transformative and inclusive growth; reducing inequalities and partnerships.
- (5) The objectives pursued by the Annual Action Plan in favour of the Republic of South Africa to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.

⁴ COM (2019)640 final of 11 December 2019.

⁵ Commission Implementing Decision C(2021)9112 final of 14.12.2021, adopting a multiannual indicative programme for the Republic of South Africa for the period 2021-2027.