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Proposal for a

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

**on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto**

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL**

#### **• Reasons for and objectives of the proposal**

The Council authorised the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, a new Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia, and a Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution. At the end of the negotiations an Agreement and Protocol were initialled by the negotiators on 19 October 2018. The new Agreement repeals and replaces the existing Agreement which entered into force on 2 June 1987; it covers a period of six years from the date of its provisional application, renewable by tacit agreement. The new Protocol covers a period of six years from the date of provisional application laid down in Article 13, that being the date on which it is signed by the parties.

#### **• Consistency with existing policy provisions in the policy area**

The main aim of the new Agreement is to provide an updated framework taking into account the priorities of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy<sup>1</sup> and its external dimension, with a view to establishing a strategic partnership between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia in the field of fisheries.

The aim of the Protocol is to grant fishing opportunities to European Union vessels in Gambian waters taking into account available scientific assessments, in particular those of the Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic (CECAF), and in accordance with the best available scientific advice and the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), within the limits of the available surplus. The Commission based its position in part on the results of a forward-looking assessment, carried out by external experts, of whether a new Agreement and Protocol should be concluded. The aim is also to enhance cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fisheries resources in the Gambian fishing zone, in the interest of both parties.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 tuna seiners;
- 10 pole-and-line vessels;
- 3 trawlers (targeting black hake, a deep-sea demersal species).

#### **• Consistency with other Union policies**

The negotiation of a new Fisheries Partnership Agreement with The Gambia forms part of the Union's external action in relation to ACP countries and takes into account, in particular, Union objectives on respecting democratic principles and human rights.

### **2. LEGAL BASIS, SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY**

#### **• Legal basis**

The legal basis chosen is the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 43(2) of which establishes the Common Fisheries Policy and Article 218(5) the relevant stage of the

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<sup>1</sup> OJ 354 of 28.12.2013, p.22.

procedure for the negotiation and conclusion of agreements between the Union and third countries.

- **Subsidiarity (for non-exclusive competence)**

The proposal falls under the exclusive competence of the European Union.

- **Proportionality**

The proposal is proportionate to the objective of establishing a legal, environmental, economic and social governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union vessels in third country waters, as set out in Article 31 of the Regulation establishing the Common Fisheries Policy. It complies with those provisions as well as with those on financial assistance to third countries laid down in Article 32 of that Regulation.

### **3. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The annual financial contribution is EUR 550 000, based on:

- a) an annual amount for access to the fisheries resources in the Gambian fishing zone of EUR 275 000 equivalent to a reference tonnage, for highly migratory species, of 3 300 tonnes per year,
- b) support for development of the sectoral fisheries policy of The Gambia, amounting to EUR 275 000 a year. This support meets the objectives of The Gambia's national policy on the sustainable management of continental and maritime fishery resources.

### **4. OTHER ELEMENTS**

- **Implementation plans and monitoring, evaluation and reporting arrangements**

The monitoring arrangements are provided for in the Protocol included in the new Partnership Agreement.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(2) thereof in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission negotiated on behalf of the European Union a new Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia ("Partnership Agreement") as well as a new Implementation Protocol to the Partnership Agreement ("the Protocol").
- (2) The Partnership Agreement and the Protocol were initialled at the end of those negotiations on 19 October 2018.
- (3) The Partnership Agreement repeals the previous Agreement that was concluded between the Government of the Republic of The Gambia and the European Economic Community on fishing off the coast of The Gambia and that entered into force on 2 June 1987.
- (4) The objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia to work more closely together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and a responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in Gambian waters.
- (5) Article 14 of the Partnership Agreement and Article 13 of the Protocol provide for their respective provisional application from the date of their signature.
- (6) Therefore, the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol should be signed on behalf of the European Union, subject to their conclusion at a later date.
- (7) In order to ensure an expeditious start of fishing activities by Union vessels, the Partnership Agreement and the Implementation Protocol should be applied provisionally upon their signature,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The signature of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia ('the Partnership Agreement') and the

Implementation Protocol thereto ‘the Protocol’) are hereby approved on behalf of the Union, subject to the conclusion of those acts.

The texts of the Partnership Agreement and Protocol are attached to this Decision.

#### *Article 2*

The Council Secretariat-General shall establish the instrument of full powers to sign the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol, subject to their conclusion, for the person(s) indicated by the negotiator of the said Agreement.

#### *Article 3*

The Agreement shall be applied provisionally, in accordance with Article 14 of the Partnership Agreement, as from the date of its signature, pending its entry into force.

#### *Article 4*

The Protocol shall be applied provisionally, in accordance with Article 13 of the Protocol, as from the date of its signature, pending its entry into force.

#### *Article 5*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*  
*The President*

## **LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia and the Implementation Protocol thereto

#### **1.2. Policy area(s) concerned in the ABM/ABB structure<sup>2</sup>**

11. – Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

11.03 – Compulsory contributions to regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) and other international organisations and sustainable fisheries agreements (SFAs).

11.03.01 – Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters.

#### **1.2. 1.3 The proposal/initiative relates to:**

☒ **a new action**

☐ **a new action following a pilot project/preparatory action<sup>3</sup>**

☐ **the extension of an existing action**

☐ **a merger or redirection of one or more actions towards another/a new action**

#### **1.1. Objective(s)**

##### **1.1.1. General objective(s)**

The negotiation and conclusion of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) with third countries meet the general objective of giving EU fishing vessels access to the fishing zones of third countries and developing a partnership with those countries with a view to strengthening the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources outside EU waters.

SFPAs also ensure consistency between the principles governing the Common Fisheries Policy and the commitments made under other European policies (sustainable use of third-country resources, combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, integration of partner countries into the global economy and better political and financial governance of fisheries).

##### **1.1.2. Specific objective(s) and ABM/ABB activity(ies) concerned**

###### **Specific objective**

To contribute to sustainable fishing in non-EU waters, maintain a European presence in distant-water fisheries and protect the interests of the European fisheries sector and consumers by negotiating and concluding SFPAs with coastal states, consistent with other European policies.

**ABM/ABB activity(ies) concerned:**

<sup>2</sup> ABM: Activity-Based Management – ABB: Activity-Based Budgeting.

<sup>3</sup> As referred to in Article 58(2)(a) or (b) of the Financial Regulation.

Maritime affairs and fisheries, to establish a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by European Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs) (budget line 11.03.01).

**1.1.3. Expected result(s) and impact**

*Specify the effects which the proposal/initiative should have on the beneficiaries/groups targeted.*

The conclusion of the Agreement and of the Protocol enables the establishment of a strategic fisheries partnership between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia. The conclusion of the Protocol will create fishing opportunities for Union vessels in Gambian waters.

The Agreement and the Protocol will also contribute to better management and conservation of fishery resources, through financial support (sectoral support) for the implementation of programmes adopted at national level by the partner country, in particular as regards monitoring and combating illegal fishing, and support for artisanal fisheries sector.

Finally the Agreement and the Protocol will contribute to The Gambia's sustainable exploitation of its marine resources.

**1.1.4. Indicators of performance**

*Specify the indicators for monitoring progress and achievements.*

Rates of utilisation of fishing opportunities (annual uptake of fishing authorisations as a percentage of availability under the Protocol).

Catch data (gathering and analysis) and the commercial value of the Agreement.

Contribution to employment and to added value in the EU and to stabilising the EU market (in aggregate with other SFPAs).

Contribution to improving research, surveillance and control of fishing activity by the partner country and the development of its fisheries sector, in particular its small-scale fisheries sector.

**1.2. Grounds for the proposal/initiative**

**1.2.1. Requirement(s) to be met in the short or long term including a detailed timeline for roll-out of the implementation of the initiative**

It is intended that the new Agreement and Implementing Protocol will apply provisionally from the date of its signature.

The new Agreement and Protocol will provide a framework for the fishing activities of the Union fleet in the fishing zone of The Gambia and will authorise EU vessel owners to apply for fishing authorisations to fish in that zone. In addition, the new Agreement and Implementing Protocol enhances cooperation between the EU and The Gambia, with a view to promoting the development of a sustainable fishing policy. It provides, in particular, for vessels to be monitored via VMS and, in future, for the electronic transmission of catch data. The sectoral support available under the Protocol will help The Gambia with its national fisheries strategy, including the fight against IUU fishing.



1.2.2. *Added value of Union involvement.*

If the EU does not agree a new Agreement and Implementing Protocol, this would impede the fishing activity of EU vessels, as the original Agreement contains a clause excluding fishing activities not taking place in the framework defined by a protocol to the Agreement. Consequently, the added value for the EU's long-distance fleet is explicit. The Agreement and Implementing Protocol also offer a framework for enhanced cooperation with the EU.

1.2.3. *Lessons learned from similar experiences in the past*

Since the last protocol dates back to 1996, there are no similar experiences in the past which can be used as a reference.

1.2.4. *Compatibility with the Multiannual Financial Framework and possible synergies with other appropriate instruments*

Funds provided as financial compensation for access under the SFPA constitute fungible revenue in the national budget of The Gambia. However, funds intended for sectoral support are allocated (generally by introduction in the annual budget law) to the Ministry responsible for fisheries, as a condition for the conclusion and monitoring of SFPAs. These financial resources are compatible with other sources of funding from other providers of international funding for carrying out projects and/or programmes at national level in the fisheries sector.

**1.3. Duration and financial impact of the proposal/initiative**

**X limited duration**

- ☐ in effect from [DD/MM]YYYY to [DD/MM]YYYY
- X Financial impact from 2019 to 2024 for commitment appropriations and from 2019 to 2024 for payment appropriations.

**☐ unlimited duration**

- Implementation with a start-up period from YYYY to YYYY,
- followed by full-scale operation.

**1.4. Management mode(s) planned<sup>4</sup>**

**X Direct management** by the Commission

- X by its departments, including by its staff in the Union delegations;
- ☐ by the executive agencies

**☐ Shared management** with the Member States

**☐ Indirect management** by entrusting budget implementation tasks to:

- ☐ third countries or the bodies they have designated;
- ☐ international organisations and their agencies (to be specified);
- ☐ the EIB and the European Investment Fund;

<sup>4</sup> Details of management modes and references to the Financial Regulation may be found on the BudgWeb site:  
<https://myintracomm.ec.europa.eu/budgweb/EN/man/budgmanag/Pages/budgmanag.aspx>

- ☐ bodies referred to in Articles 70 and 71 of the Financial Regulation;
- ☐ public law bodies;
- ☐ bodies governed by private law with a public service mission to the extent that they provide adequate financial guarantees;
- ☐ bodies governed by the private law of a Member State that are entrusted with the implementation of a public-private partnership and that provide adequate financial guarantees;
- ☐ persons entrusted with the implementation of specific actions in the CFSP pursuant to Title V of the TEU, and identified in the relevant basic act.
- *If more than one management mode is indicated, please provide details in the 'Comments' section.*

Comments

## **2. MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

### **2.1. Monitoring and reporting rules**

*Specify frequency and conditions.*

The Commission (DG MARE, in collaboration with its fisheries attaché based in the region – Dakar, Senegal) will ensure regular monitoring of the implementation of the Protocol, as regards the use by operators of fishing opportunities and catch data and the respect of sectoral support conditionalities.

The FPA provides for at least one annual meeting of the Joint Committee, at which the Commission and The Gambia review the implementation of the Agreement and Protocol and, if necessary, adjust the programming and, if applicable, the financial contribution.

### **2.2. Management and control system(s)**

#### **2.2.1. Risk(s) identified**

*The identified risk is the under-use of fishing opportunities by EU vessel owners and the under-use or delayed use by The Gambia of funds intended to finance the sectoral fisheries policy*

#### **2.2.2. Information concerning the risks identified and the internal control system(s) set up to mitigate them**

Extensive dialogue is planned on the programming and implementation of the sectoral policy laid down in the Agreement and the Protocol. Joint analysis of results, as referred to in Article 6 of the Protocol, also forms part of these control methods.

In addition, the Agreement and the Protocol contain specific clauses for their suspension, on certain conditions and in given circumstances. Estimation and justification of the cost-effectiveness of the controls, and assessment of the expected levels of risk of error

### **2.3. Measures to prevent fraud and irregularities**

*Specify existing or envisaged prevention and protection measures.*

The Commission undertakes to establish a political dialogue and regular coordination with the Republic of The Gambia with a view to improving the management of the Agreement and the Protocol and strengthening the EU's contribution to the sustainable management of resources. Any payment which the Commission makes under an SFPA is subject to the Commission's standard rules and budgetary and financial procedures. In particular, the bank accounts of the third countries into which the financial contribution is paid are fully identified. Article 4(8) of the Protocol lays down that the financial contribution for access is to be paid to The Gambia's Public Treasury and that the share intended for the development of the sector shall be paid into an account which is specifically for this purpose, opened with the bank of the Public Treasury of The Gambia.

### 3. ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

#### 3.1. Heading(s) of the multiannual financial framework and expenditure budget line(s) affected

- Existing budget lines

*In order of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.*

Heading of multiannual financial framework	Budget line	Type of expenditure	Contribution			
	Number	Diff./Non-diff. <sup>5</sup>	from EFTA countries <sup>6</sup>	from candidate countries <sup>7</sup>	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation
	11.03.01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by European Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs)	Diff.	NO	NO	NO	NO

- New budget lines requested

*In order of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.*

Heading of multiannual financial framework	Budget line	Type of expenditure	Contribution			
	Number	Diff./Non-diff.	from EFTA countries	from candidate countries	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation
2	[XX.YY.YY.YY]		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO

<sup>5</sup> Diff. = Differentiated appropriations / Non-diff. = Non-differentiated appropriations.

<sup>6</sup> EFTA: European Free Trade Association.

<sup>7</sup> Candidate countries and, where applicable, potential candidates from the Western Balkans.

### 3.2. Estimated financial impact of the proposal on appropriations

#### 3.2.1. Summary of estimated impact on operational appropriations

- ☐ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of operational appropriations
- ☒ The proposal/initiative requires the use of operational appropriations, as explained below:

EUR million (to three decimal places)

<b>Heading of multiannual financial framework</b>	<b>Number</b> <b>2</b>	Sustainable growth: natural resources
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DG: MARE			Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	TOTAL
• Operational appropriations									
Number of budget line 11.0301	Commitments	(1a)	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
	Payments	(2a)	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
Budget line	Commitments	(1b)							
	Payments	(2b)							
Appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope of specific programmes <sup>8</sup>									
Budget line		(3)							
<b>TOTAL appropriations for DG MARE</b>	Commitments	=1a+1b +3	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
	Payments	=2a+2b +3	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300

<sup>8</sup> Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.

• TOTAL operational appropriations	Commitments	(4)	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
	Payments	(5)	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
• TOTAL appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope for specific programmes		(6)							
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 2</b> of the multiannual financial framework	Commitments	=4+ 6	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300
	Payments	=5+ 6	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	3.300

**If more than one operational heading is affected by the proposal / initiative, repeat the section above:**

• TOTAL operational appropriations (all operational headings)	Commitments	(4)							
	Payments	(5)							
TOTAL appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope for specific programmes (all operational headings)		(6)							
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADINGS 1 to 4</b> of the multiannual financial framework (Reference amount)	Commitments	=4+ 6							
	Payments	=5+ 6							

<b>Heading of multiannual financial framework</b>	<b>5</b>	‘Administrative expenditure’
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EUR million (to three decimal places)

		Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024		
DG: MARE									
• Human resources									
• Other administrative expenditure									
<b>TOTAL DG MARE</b>	Appropriations								

<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 5</b> of the multiannual financial framework	(Total commitments = Total payments)								
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EUR million (to three decimal places)

		Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADINGS 1 to 5</b> of the multiannual financial framework	Commitments	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	<b>3.300</b>
	Payments	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	<b>3.300</b>

### 3.2.2. Estimated output funded with operational appropriations

Commitment appropriations in EUR million (to three decimal places)

Indicate objectives and outputs  ↓			Year 2019		Year 2020		Year 2021		Year 2022		Year 2023		Year 2024		TOTAL	
	Type <sup>9</sup>	Average cost	№	Cost					№	Cost	№	Cost	№	Cost	Total No	Total cost
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 1 <sup>10</sup> ...																
- Acces				0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		1.650
- Sectoral				0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		0.275		1.650

<sup>9</sup>

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Outputs are products and services to be supplied (e.g.: number of student exchanges financed, number of km of roads built, etc.).  
As described in point 1.4.2. 'Specific objective(s)...'

- Output																
Subtotal for specific objective No 1			0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		3.300	
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 2 ...																
- Output																
Subtotal for specific objective No 2																
<b>TOTALS</b>			0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		0.550		3.300	

### 3.2.3. Summary of estimated impact on administrative appropriations

- ☒ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of appropriations of an administrative nature
- ☐ The proposal/initiative requires the use of appropriations of an administrative nature, as explained below:

EUR million (to three decimal places)

	Year N <sup>11</sup>	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)			<b>TOTAL</b>
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<b>HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								
Human resources								
Other administrative expenditure								
<b>Subtotal HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								

<b>Outside HEADING 5<sup>12</sup> of the multiannual financial framework</b>								
Human resources								
Other expenditure of an administrative nature								
<b>Subtotal outside HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								

<b>TOTAL</b>								
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The appropriations required for human resources and other expenditure of an administrative nature will be met by appropriations from the DG that are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

<sup>11</sup> Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts. Please replace "N" by the expected first year of implementation (for instance: 2021). The same for the following years.

<sup>12</sup> Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.



### 3.2.3.1. Estimated requirements of human resources

- ☒ The proposal/initiative does not require the use of human resources.
- ☐ The proposal/initiative requires the use of human resources, as explained below:

*Estimate to be expressed in full time equivalent units*

	Year N	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)		
• Establishment plan posts (officials and temporary staff)							
XX 01 01 01 (Headquarters and Commission’s Representation Offices)							
XX 01 01 02 (Delegations)							
XX 01 05 01/11/21 (Indirect research)							
10 01 05 01/11 (Direct research)							
• External staff (in Full Time Equivalent unit: FTE) <sup>13</sup>							
XX 01 02 01 (AC, END, INT from the ‘global envelope’)							
XX 01 02 02 (AC, AL, END, INT and JPD in the delegations)							
XX 01 04 yy <sup>14</sup>	- at Headquarters						
	- in Delegations						
XX 01 05 02/12/22 (AC, END, INT - Indirect research)							
10 01 05 02/12 (AC, END, INT - Direct research)							
Other budget lines (specify)							
TOTAL							

**XX** is the policy area or budget title concerned.

The human resources required will be met by staff from the DG who are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

Description of tasks to be carried out:

Officials and temporary staff	Implementation of the Protocol (payments, access to The Gambia's waters by EU vessels, processing of fishing authorisations), preparation and follow-up of Joint Committees, preparation for the renewal of the Protocol, external evaluation, legislative procedures, negotiations.
External staff	Implementation of the Protocol: contact with the authorities of The Gambia for access by EU vessels to The Gambia's waters, processing of fishing authorisation, preparation and follow-up of Joint Committees, in particular sectoral support implementation.

<sup>13</sup> AC= Contract Staff; AL = Local Staff; END= Seconded National Expert; INT = agency staff; JPD= Junior Professionals in Delegations.

<sup>14</sup> Sub-ceiling for external staff covered by operational appropriations (former 'BA' lines).

### 3.2.4. Compatibility with the current multiannual financial framework

The proposal/initiative:

- ☒ can be fully financed through redeployment within the relevant heading of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

This concerns the utilisation of the reserve line (Chapter 40).

- ☐ requires use of the unallocated margin under the relevant heading of the MFF and/or use of the special instruments as defined in the MFF Regulation.

Explain what is required, specifying the headings and budget lines concerned, the corresponding amounts, and the instruments proposed to be used.

- ☐ requires a revision of the MFF.

Explain what is required, specifying the headings and budget lines concerned and the corresponding amounts.

### 3.2.5. Third-party contributions

The proposal/initiative:

- ☒ does not provide for co-financing by third parties
- ☐ provides for the co-financing by third parties estimated below:

Appropriations in EUR million (to three decimal places)

	Year N <sup>15</sup>	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)			Total
Specify the co-financing body								
TOTAL appropriations co-financed								

### Estimated impact on revenue

- ☒ The proposal/initiative has no financial impact on revenue.
- ☐ The proposal/initiative has the following financial impact:
  - ☐ on own resources
  - ☐ on other revenue
  - please indicate, if the revenue is assigned to expenditure lines ☐

EUR million (to three decimal places)

Budget revenue line:	Appropriations available for the current financial year	Impact of the proposal/initiative <sup>16</sup>				
		Year N	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)

<sup>15</sup> Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts. Please replace "N" by the expected first year of implementation (for instance: 2021). The same for the following years.

<sup>16</sup> As regards traditional own resources (customs duties, sugar levies), the amounts indicated must be net amounts, i.e. gross amounts after deduction of 20 % for collection costs.

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For assigned revenue, specify the budget expenditure line(s) affected.

Other remarks (e.g. method/formula used for calculating the impact on revenue or any other information).