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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2022-14.020122-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: provisional EUR 9 950 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 6 000 000 This action is co-financed in joint co-financing by: - UNDP for the provisional amount of USD 1 000 000 - Other donors contributing to the UNDP basket fund not yet known: USD 3 377 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Grants Indirect management with the United Nations Development Fund (UNDP)			

1.2. Summary of the Action

The action will support the electoral cycle for a more conducive environment for credible elections. It is informed by the recommendations of the EU Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) report on the Zimbabwe 2018 harmonised elections, the Electoral Follow up Mission (EFM)¹ and the mid-term evaluation of the ‘Support to the consolidation of the democratic process in Zimbabwe’ programme funded under the 11th EDF.

This action is aligned with the European Consensus on Development (2017)², the joint communication ‘Towards a comprehensive Strategy with Africa’³, the EU Human Rights and Democracy Action Plan 2020-2024⁴, the Gender Action Plan III⁵ and will contribute to SDG targets 5 and 16.

According to national and international observers, the pre-election phase and the conduct of the 2018 harmonised elections were largely peaceful. Despite improvements in the legal framework, more comprehensive civic and voter education initiatives and the establishment of a new biometric voter register that included close to 80 % of the eligible population, shortcomings were still noted that impacted the expression of free will by the voters.

The action will build upon the previous capacity building support to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) and contribute to a more conducive environment through civil society engagement. Key elements of gender, disability, conflict sensitivity and do-no-harm approaches, human rights and democracy will be mainstreamed in the action. In addition, the action will contribute to the #Team Europe Initiative (TEI) ‘Gender equality through women’s empowerment’. An electoral cycle approach also provides an opportunity for recommendations by the EU EOM to be taken into account in the next cycle. The key recommendations targeted through the action include the need for

¹ The EFM is planned for 1st quarter 2022

² OJ C 210 of 30.6.2017

³ JOIN(2020) 4 final of 9.3.2020

⁴ JOIN/2020/5 final of 23.03.2020

⁵ JOIN(2020)17 final of 25.11.2020