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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020122  Total estimated cost: EUR 5 000 000  Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 5 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing <sup>1</sup>	Indirect management with the entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1 and 4.4.2			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

Still emerging from decades of independence and civil wars, Mozambique is one of the 10 least developed countries in the world. Mozambique has held multi-party elections since 1994. Although Mozambique has launched structural reforms to improve good governance, most governance related indicators have been stagnant or followed a negative trend in recent years. The main challenges are linked to the areas of electoral integrity, freedom of expression, transparency and fight against corruption, and effective participatory engagement. New draft legislation (e.g. on media, broadcasting, non-profit organisations) has been submitted to the Parliament following limited public consultation; it could lead to a limitation of the civic space. The next municipal and general elections are expected for 2023 and 2024 respectively. Since 2017, Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province is confronted with armed violence that has resulted in over confirmed 4,000 fatalities as well as around a million internally displaced people (IDPs). The EU has been implementing an integrated approach, encompassing humanitarian, development, peace building and security actions to support the authorities towards the return to the Rule of Law.

The Action has as its overall objective to strengthen the Mozambican democratic system for a more inclusive and just society. The Specific Objectives are to improve the efficiency, integrity and inclusiveness of electoral processes; and further enable Parliament (and other public institutions) to improve draft legislation and better exercise its oversight functions. In particular, the Action will seek to i) strengthen the technical capacities of electoral stakeholders to promote credible and inclusive electoral processes; ii) enhance transparency in the electoral process through greater public outreach and information sharing by Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) to the population; iii) improve electoral operations planning and electoral processes during and in-between the electoral cycle including during crises such as pandemics, natural disasters, security threats and possible electoral violence; and iv) support citizen election observation. In addition, it will also v) support the Assembly of the Republic through the provision of technical assistance expert analysis and research products; and vi) further develop parliamentary committees' capacity to better exercise their oversight function.

The Action is in line with Priority 3 of the Multi-Annual Indicative Plan for Mozambique 'Governance, Peace and Just Society' and its Specific Objective 1 'Strengthened democratic system (transparency, accountability and the rule of law) and economic governance frameworks for a more inclusive and just society. It builds on the project Support to Consolidation of Democracy in Mozambique 2017-2023 and its lessons learnt, as well as EU Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) 2019 and EU Election Follow-up Mission (EFM) 2022 Final Report findings and recommendations. The Action will contribute to the realisation of the EU Gender Action Plan 2021-2025 GAP III, in particular to its thematic area of engagement "Promoting equal participation and leadership" and "Women, Peace and Security", and is aligned with its Country Level Implementation Plan for Mozambique, as well as with the EU Mozambique Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy 2021-2024, and the EU Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society in Mozambique.

<sup>1</sup> Art. 27 NDICI