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	Reduction of Inequalities @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	<p>Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020122</p> <p>Total estimated cost: EUR 5 000 000</p> <p>Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 5 000 000</p> <p>Team Europe Initiative:</p> <p>This action supports both Team Europe Initiatives (TEI) on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and the one on Greener and Climate Smart Agriculture.</p> <p>The former focuses on promoting women's social, political and economic empowerment, with a total estimated amount of EUR 251 million. The EU contributes with EUR 108.4 million. Contributions from Member States are as follows: France: EUR 1.4 million; Ireland: EUR 21.6 million; Germany: EUR 16.5 million; Sweden: EUR 81.7 million; the Netherlands: EUR 4.5 million and Switzerland: EUR 17 million.</p> <p>The latter will support identified climate smart solutions for Zimbabwe's agricultural sector, with a total indicative budget of EUR 212 million. The EU contributes with EUR 134.2 million. Contributions from Member States are as follows: Sweden: EUR 21.8 million; France: EUR 17.5 million; the Netherlands: EUR 0.7 million and Italy: EUR 3.8 million. Switzerland contributes EUR 34 million.</p>			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	<p>Direct management through:</p> <p>- Procurement</p>			
14. Type of measure	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society</p>			

1.2 Summary of the Action

After years of lack of engagement with Western countries, Zimbabwe had started a re-engagement policy, in particular with the EU during 2022. This supported increased dialogue between the EU and the Zimbabwean government and the operational agenda was adopted accordingly. However, the recent elections fell short of international standards and the electoral process and the post-election environment have been marked by a defamation and disinformation campaign against the EU. The EU is therefore following very closely the developments within Zimbabwe and the situation has triggered a reflection on the EU's strategy toward Zimbabwe.

The high-level Dialogue on Arrears Clearance and Debt Resolution which began in November 2022 could provide an opportunity to factor in the developments while supporting dialogue through this Action. Although the elections fell short of national, regional and international standards, the government has already announced its continued commitment to the re-engagement agenda and they also need to initiate discussions with international partners on the future of the dialogue.

The priority under this Action is to develop constructive relations, building reciprocal confidence on all (political and technical) issues of common interest and on priorities of the EU and Member States in a Team Europe approach with