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Association of the overseas countries and territories with the EU including EU/Greenland/Denmark relations

European Parliament legislative resolution of 12 November 2026 on the proposal for a Council decision amending Decision (EU) 2021/1764 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other (COM(2025)0599 – C10-0248/2025 – 2025/0264(CNS))

(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2025)0599),

– having regard to Article 203 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C10-0248/2025),

– having regard to the budgetary assessment by the Committee on Budgets,

– having regard to Rules 84 and 58 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on Development (A10-0275/2026),

1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;

2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, in accordance with Article 293(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;

4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the Commission proposal;

5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(1a) On 26 November 2025, the European Parliament adopted a recommendation on the EU's diplomatic strategy and geopolitical cooperation in the Arctic.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a decision
Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(1b) On 7 June 2023, the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy adopted a joint communication on a New Agenda for Relations between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a decision
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(2a) The allocation of financial resources between

	the OCTs should be based on transparent and verifiable criteria by which the European added value of the expenditure can be assessed. Those criteria should take into account the structural constraints of the OCTs and should reflect the diversity of realities, demographics, vulnerabilities and priorities that characterises each territory, as well as the needs of OCTs and the contribution of Union funding to connectivity, to regional integration, to maritime security, to the oversight of exclusive economic zones, to the resilience of critical infrastructure and to securing supply chains, including critical raw material supply chains.

Amendment 4

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(3) The strategic focus, coherence and flexibility of the Programme and the policy dialogue framework of the Decision should be further enhanced to ensure more impact while delivering on the objectives of the association of the Union with the OCT***S***.	(3) The strategic focus, coherence and flexibility of the Programme and the policy dialogue framework of the Decision should be further enhanced to ensure more impact ***and focus on sustainable outcomes,*** while delivering on the objectives of the association of the Union with the OCTs.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(3a) Clear, reliable and transparent indicative sub-envelopes contribute to budgetary predictability, transparency in programming and support rigorous assessments whether or not the stated objectives are achieved.

Amendment 6

Proposal for a decision
Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(3b) There is a need for a dialogue between the Union and the OCTs with a view to clarifying and explaining the scope, and facilitating the implementation, of horizontal, trade-related Union instruments, including, in particular, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

Amendment 7

Proposal for a decision
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(4) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for a more flexible multiannual financial framework and Union spending programmes. To that effect, and in line with the objectives of the association, the funding should	(4) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for a more flexible multiannual financial framework and Union spending programmes. To that effect, and in line with the objectives of the association, the funding should

duly consider the evolving policy needs and Union’s priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, in Council conclusions and European Parliament resolutions while ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation.	duly consider the evolving***, current and future*** policy needs and ***the*** Union’s priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, in Council conclusions and European Parliament resolutions while ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation. ***Flexibility in spending should be accompanied by clear priorities, result-oriented implementation and transparent reporting, in order to ensure predictability, accountability and the effective use of Union funding.***

Amendment 8

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(5) The implementation of the amended Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should support the Global Gateway strategy[3], the Union’s external investment strategy to advance the sustainable development goals together with partner countries and territories. Complementarities between actions under the Global Gateway strategy and its toolbox should be strengthened to help unlock investment opportunities in the OCTs and promote their more effective integration into Union’s regional cooperation frameworks.	(5) The implementation of the amended Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should support ***cooperation, including under*** the Global Gateway strategy[3], the Union’s external investment strategy to advance ***high environmental, social and governance standards, in line with the 360-degree approach, and more broadly*** the sustainable development goals together with partner countries and territories***, and the Union's objectives in connectivity, economic security, and geopolitical positioning***. Complementarities between actions under the Global Gateway strategy and its toolbox***, the European Competitiveness Fund and other relevant Union***

	instruments should be strengthened to help unlock investment opportunities in the OCTs***, positively impact their safety, contribute to building more robust and self-sufficient local economies, create quality employment, stimulate innovation, improve overall living standards,*** and promote their more effective integration into Union's regional cooperation frameworks***, while ensuring that funding under this Decision remains focused on the sustainable development needs of the OCTs and delivers tangible benefits for local communities***.
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[3] Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - The Global Gateway (JOIN/2021/30 December 2021).	[3] Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - The Global Gateway (JOIN/2021/30 December 2021).

Amendment 9

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(5a) Partnerships and investments in the OCTs should demonstrably contribute to progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, rely on reciprocity and demonstrable, concrete mutual benefit and interest. Global Gateway potentially represents a key opportunity for the OCTs to diversify their

	economies by fostering sustainable investments in strategic sectors. By supporting the development of resilient transport systems, strengthening healthcare infrastructure, advancing climate adaptation and clean energy solutions, and accelerating digital connectivity, Global Gateway should help build more robust and self-sufficient local economies. Such investments should not only enhance economic resilience and reduce vulnerability to external shocks, but also contribute to poverty eradication, create quality employment, stimulate innovation, and improve overall living standards in the OCTs, in line with the 360-degree approach.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(5b) There is a need to enhance awareness of Global Gateway in the OCTs and to take account of a limited private sector presence in the OCTs. Communication activities aiming to increase the visibility of Global Gateway should include measures targeting the OCTs.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(5c) The OCTs have limited institutional capacity and technical skills to access capital and blended finance mechanisms, including for securing public-private partnerships in sectors such as renewable energy, waste management, sustainable tourism, the blue economy, climate adaptation infrastructure, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, and social projects. The principle of proportionality should be applied consistently in the design of access conditions, reporting obligations, and compliance frameworks for the Union funding available to OCTs. Financial guarantees and blending tools can de-risk investments and mobilise private sector engagement in those areas, but their benefits will only be fully realised where local governments and actors have the capacity to work with those more complex funding modalities. Global Gateway in the OCTs should therefore also integrate dedicated capacity-building and technical assistance into its implementation.

Amendment 12

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(5d) The Commission should establish, in cooperation with OCT authorities and the Member States to which they are linked, dedicated regional support structures providing assistance to OCT governments, civil society organisations, local businesses and community actors seeking access to Union funding. Those structures shall include training on the Union funding instruments and application procedures, hands-on technical and administrative support throughout the application and implementation cycle, and guidance adapted to the linguistic, cultural and institutional realities of each OCT. The Commission should report annually on the activities and effectiveness of those support structures. The level of the OCTs' participation in Union programmes should be evaluated regularly and reviewed at each OCT-EU Forum. Capacity building and training should also be provided to actors of cooperation in the OCTs to support their access to financial assistance and proper management under the association and in view of other Union programmes and instruments, including the European Competitiveness Fund.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a decision
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(6) The amended Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should enhance the Union's and OCTs' competitiveness, by contributing to the sustainability, resilience, security and diversification of value and supply chains, reflecting high standards of responsible business practice, and by increasing economic opportunities. Consistency between the implementation of the Union's trade, economic security, and industrial policies and Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should be ensured. In particular, synergies should be fostered between the Programme established by Decision (EU) 2021/1764 and the European Competitiveness Fund established by Regulation (EU)…/…of the European Parliament and the Council[4], to harness the potential of mutually beneficial partnerships for sustainable development in the Union and the OCTs.	(6) The amended Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should enhance the Union's and OCTs' competitiveness, by contributing to the sustainability, resilience, security ***ocean governance, cooperation on access to critical raw materials (CRM)*** and diversification of value and supply chains, reflecting high standards of responsible business practice, ***in line with the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, ILO conventions, and international human rights law,*** and by increasing ***local*** economic opportunities. Consistency between the implementation of the Union's ***development policy objectives and*** trade, economic security, and industrial policies and Decision (EU) 2021/1764 should be ensured***, in line with the multilaterally agreed climate and environmental goals***. In particular, synergies should be fostered between the Programme established by Decision (EU) 2021/1764 and the European Competitiveness Fund established by Regulation (EU)…/…of the European Parliament and the Council[4], to harness the potential of mutually beneficial partnerships for sustainable development in the Union and the OCTs. ***Those synergies should support local economic***

	diversification, skills development, employment opportunities and sustainable investment in OCT communities, including through connectivity, renewable energy, sustainable tourism and resilient infrastructure.
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[4] Regulation (EU) No…/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund ('ECF'), including the specific programme for defence research and innovation activities, and repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/522, (EU) 2021/694, (EU) 2021/696, (EU) 2021/697, (EU) 2021/783, (EU) 2023/588, (EU) 2023/1525, (EU) 2023/2418, (EU) (EDIP) (OJ L […], […], ELI: …).	[4] Regulation (EU) No…/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund ('ECF'), including the specific programme for defence research and innovation activities, and repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/522, (EU) 2021/694, (EU) 2021/696, (EU) 2021/697, (EU) 2021/783, (EU) 2023/588, (EU) 2023/1525, (EU) 2023/2418, (EU) (EDIP) (OJ L […], […], ELI: …).

Amendment 14

Proposal for a decision
Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6a) The OCTs contribute to the Union's global presence as strategic partners across key maritime spaces in the Atlantic, Antarctic, Arctic, Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific. Their strategic value lies not only in their geographic position, but also in their potential to advance sustainable resource management, resilient connectivity and regional cooperation. The Union's partnership with the OCTs should harness that potential

in a way that delivers concrete economic, social and environmental benefits for OCT communities.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a decision
Recital 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6b) All OCTs except one have permanent populations whose inhabitants enjoy the full rights of citizenship of the Union by virtue of their nationality of the Member State to which the OCT is associated. The Union and the respective Member States should take concrete measures to ensure that their citizenship rights can be exercised, including through equal access to political participation, information, and representation within Union institutions, as well as removing barriers to the exercise of their voting rights.

Amendment 16

Proposal for a decision
Recital 6 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6c) The OCT-s' strategic geographic locations require a strengthened and mutually beneficial partnership as well as support, especially where they are exposed to growing external influence and interference from third

	countries, in order to enhance their resilience and border management capacities, as well as their democratic and socio-economic stability.

Amendment 17

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(7) The OCTs represent unique and strategic assets that benefit the Union as a whole – including proximity to third countries, exceptional conditions for space and astrophysics research, abundant renewable energy potential, rich biodiversity, extensive maritime zones, and availability of mineral resources. The European Competitiveness Fund should leverage their potential as ***geostrategic outposts, particularly in*** support ***of the Union's*** objectives on security, preparedness, regional value chains, and competitiveness.	(7) ***The Union and the OCTs have a common interest in collaborating to address the challenges and opportunities stemming from globalisation and the increasingly challenging geopolitical context, as well as the growing external interference from third countries. Combining policy dialogue, investment, development cooperation and engagement with stakeholders is essential in order to maximise strategic coherence and long-term impact.*** The OCTs represent unique and strategic assets that benefit the Union as a whole – including proximity to third countries, exceptional conditions for space and astrophysics research, ***technology, services and infrastructure,*** abundant renewable energy potential, rich biodiversity, extensive maritime zones, and availability of mineral resources. The European Competitiveness Fund should ***allow the OCTs and their local communities and companies to*** leverage their potential as ***economic nodes and poles of trusted connectivity and to*** support ***common*** objectives on

	security, ***crisis- and conflict*** preparedness, regional value chains, and competitiveness. ***Strategic investments in the OCTs should be implemented in a manner that supports local ownership, environmental protection, skills development and long-term economic value for OCT communities and avoids appropriation of land or resources.***

Amendment 18

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7a) The special relationship between the Union and the OCTs has grown into a reciprocal partnership to support the OCTs' sustainable economic and human development based on shared values and common goals. The global context calls for a strengthening and enhancement of existing ties and even closer relations between the Union, on the one hand, and the OCTs, on the other.

Amendment 19

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7b) The increasingly challenging geopolitical context for the OCTs and the

	Union, as well as growing external interference from third countries, requires an enhanced focus on and support for resilience, stability, trusted connectivity, regional cooperation and democratic governance, while ensuring the protection of mutual strategic interests and the continued alignment of the OCTs with the values and objectives of the Union. The Union should leverage ties with the OCTs for the Union's outreach, it should promote the OCTs as regional nodes and champions for common values, and it should position the OCTs and the Union as champions of international cooperation and positive relations with neighbouring countries.

Amendment 20

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7c) Countering hybrid threats against the Union and the OCTs requires social resilience and the participation of a vibrant civil society in public life, including in OCT-EU cooperation, whereby specific attention should be given to the participation of OCT local indigenous communities.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7d) The extensive exclusive economic zones of the OCTs make them essential partners of the Union in ocean governance. The association should support the OCTs in sustainably managing their maritime resources, including through the protection of marine biodiversity, sustainable fisheries, the prevention of illegal fishing and marine pollution, the development of a blue economy and through the monitoring and sustainable management of their exclusive economic zones. Strengthening ocean governance should bring concrete economic and environmental benefits to OCT communities.

Amendment 22

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 e (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7e) The Union recognises the unique value and quality of OCT terrestrial and marine biodiversity and ecosystems, and the imperative of preserving the ecosystem services they provide at both local and global level.

Amendment 23

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7f) The association should aim to promote and support a sustainable green and blue economy that delivers socio-economic benefits for present and future generations by contributing to food security, livelihoods, employment, health, safety, equity and political stability, and that restores, protects and maintains the diversity, productivity, resilience, essential functions and intrinsic value of ecosystems and is founded on renewable energy and circular economy principles in order to ensure long-term socio-economic stability while remaining within the limits of the planet's available resources.

Amendment 24

Proposal for a decision
Recital 7 g (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(7g) The Union and its Member States recognise and defend the right to self-determination of Greenland and of the other OCTs as guaranteed by international law. The Union and its Member States support the OCTs in making their own autonomous choices in that regard and support them in withstanding external interference, pressure, threats

	or attempts to change their status by the use of force of any kind.

Amendment 25

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(8) The structure of the dialogue between the Union and the OCTs, especially through the annual forum and the ***four*** trilateral consultations ***each year*** should be ***reviewed to enhance its*** strategic impact.	(8) The structure of the dialogue between the Union and the OCTs, especially through the annual forum and the trilateral consultations***,*** should be ***enhanced in view of their*** strategic ***and effective*** impact***, efficiency, inclusiveness and cost-effectiveness***.

Amendment 26

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(8a) The OCTs being required to comply with the obligations imposed on third countries to access the internal market – in particular rules of origin, health and plant health standards and safeguard measures – results in a continued need for tailored support and technical assistance and other appropriate measures with a view to enabling the OCTs to meet constantly evolving obligations and rules, to access and integrate into sustainable supply chains, and to enhance their capacities to compete with economic

operators based in the internal market or those based in third countries.

Amendment 27

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(8b) The association should aim to facilitate the OCTs' participation in international ocean governance instruments and bodies, the implementation of the European Ocean Pact, and the OCTs' participation in the implementation of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). Support to ocean governance should not be limited to geopolitical or security aspects but also take into account the environmental, economic, cultural, social and territorial dimensions of the oceans, and the traditional rights and knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities. The subsistence and cultural practices of indigenous peoples and communities should be safeguarded and their contribution to conservation and climate resilience should be promoted.

Amendment 28

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(8c) Critical raw materials (CRM) are essential for the green transition and their diversified sourcing is of the utmost importance for the Union's strategic autonomy. The OCTs, many of which dispose of significant often yet unexploited CRM reserves, and their resident citizens should be shielded from undue external pressure regarding the use, exploitation and exportation of CRM and other natural resources. The Union should support the OCTs in developing their natural resources in a manner that respects their governance frameworks and generates tangible local benefits in terms of employment, infrastructure and fiscal revenues and ensures that mining will be based on the highest human rights and environmental standards, including adherence to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative requirements and standards. The Union should promote the development of sustainable raw material value chains by supporting local processing, recycling, and circular economy approaches within the OCTs, thereby enhancing resilience, reducing the environmental impact, and maximising long-term socio-economic benefits for local

communities.

Amendment 29

Proposal for a decision
Recital 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10a)The provisions of this Decision as well as its governance arrangements must be conducive to proper decision-making by the budgetary authority and to appropriate parliamentary oversight. In particular, in line with Article 47(2) of the Financial Regulation, any specification of the programme's internal architecture should be duly reflected in the budget nomenclature through the introduction of corresponding budget lines.

Amendment 30

Proposal for a decision
Recital 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10b) As the world's largest island and with a strategic position in the Arctic region, Greenland provides the Union with opportunities to strengthen its political role in the region as it plays a vital role in an area of intensifying geopolitical competition, climate change-driven transformations and emerging shipping routes, evidenced by the growing external pressure.

	Projects for submarine cable routes linking Greenland and Iceland to continental Europe should be underpinned by close cooperation to protect such infrastructure, against sabotage, espionage and hybrid threats. In addition, cooperation with Greenland offers unique opportunities for the development of the Union's space access, ground infrastructure and research capabilities as well for satellite deployment, tracking and data collection; Greenland should have access to Iris, Galileo and other relevant Union programmes.

Amendment 31

Proposal for a decision
Recital 10 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(10c)OCTs, including in particular those in the Indo-Pacific, are of growing strategic importance due to their critical natural resources, the size of their exclusive economic zones and their critical location making them the target of ambitions and external influence of regional powers and systemic competitors of the Union.

Amendment 32

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(1a) in Article 3, the following paragraph is inserted:
	'***1a. Within the framework of the association, the Union reaffirms and strengthens its commitment to providing a fair and just development perspective in external action.***'

Amendment 33

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 b (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 3

Present text	*Amendment*
	(1b) Article 3(3) is replaced by the following:
3. In implementing this Decision, the partners shall be guided by the principles of transparency, subsidiarity and the need for efficiency and shall equally address the three pillars of OCTs' sustainable development, implementing the 2030 Agenda across all its internal and external policies in a comprehensive and strategic approach: economic development, cultural and social development and nature and environmental protection. Gender equality and the rights of girls and women should be mainstreamed into all actions as a key contribution to the successful achievement of the SDGs.	"3. In implementing this Decision, the partners shall be guided by the principles of transparency, subsidiarity and the need for efficiency and shall equally address the three pillars of OCTs' sustainable development, implementing the 2030 Agenda ***and the SDGs*** across all its internal and external policies in a comprehensive and strategic approach: economic development, cultural and social development and nature and environmental protection***, as well as promoting peaceful and inclusive societies where people feel safe and are free of all forms of violence, have access to justice and are able to trust in effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels***. Gender equality and the rights of girls and women***, and where***

	applicable a conflict-sensitive approach, should be mainstreamed into all actions as a key contribution to the successful achievement of the SDGs."

Amendment 34

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 c (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 4

Present text	*Amendment*
	(1c) Article 3(4) is replaced by the following:
4. The general objective of this Decision is to promote the economic and social development of the OCTs and to establish close economic relations between them and the Union as a whole. The association shall pursue this general objective by enhancing the OCTs' competitiveness, strengthening the OCTs' resilience, reducing their economic and environmental vulnerability and by promoting cooperation between them and other partners. Furthermore, the aim of this Decision is to ***preserve*** the existing ties between the Union on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other, acknowledging the geostrategic position of Greenland in the Arctic, and to ***preserve*** existing ties between the Union and the other OCTs, acknowledging their geostrategic positions in the Caribbean, the ***Indian Ocean***, the Atlantic and ***the Pacific***.	"4. The general objective of this Decision is to promote the economic and social development of the OCTs and to establish close economic relations between them and the Union as a whole. The association shall pursue this general objective by enhancing the OCTs' competitiveness, strengthening the OCTs' resilience, ***administrative capacities,*** reducing their economic and environmental vulnerability and by promoting cooperation between them and other partners. Furthermore, the aim of this Decision is to ***enhance*** the existing ties between the Union on the one hand, and Greenland and Denmark on the other, acknowledging ***increased geopolitical competition and*** the geostrategic position of Greenland in the Arctic, and to ***enhance*** existing ties between the Union and the other OCTs, acknowledging their geostrategic positions in the Caribbean, the ***Indo-Pacific***, the Atlantic and

Oceania."

Amendment 35

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 d (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 5 – introductory part

Present text	*Amendment*
	(1d) in Article 3(5), the introductory part is replaced by the following:
5. In accordance with Articles 3(5) and 21 of the TEU, the specific objectives of this Decision are the following:	"5. In accordance with Articles 3(5) and 21 of the TEU ***and Article 208 TFEU***, the specific objectives of this Decision are the following:"

Amendment 36

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1 e (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 3 – point a

Present text	*Amendment*
	(1e) in Article 3(5), point (a) is replaced by the following:
(a) to foster and support cooperation with OCTs, including in addressing their major challenges and reaching the SDGs,	"***(a)*** to foster and support cooperation with OCTs, including in addressing their major challenges and reaching the SDGs, ***including the eradication of poverty,*****"**

Amendment 37

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 5 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) to support and to cooperate with Greenland in addressing its major challenges ***such as the raising of its*** education ***level*** and economic diversification, and to contribute to the capacity of the administration of Greenland to formulate and implement national policies***.***	(b) to support and to cooperate with Greenland in addressing its major challenges***, including direct threats to its sovereignty, and the improvement of*** education and ***skills levels,*** economic diversification***, trusted and reliable connectivity, infrastructure for sustainable tourism, climate change***, and to contribute to the capacity of the administration of Greenland to formulate and implement national policies***, while strengthening resilience, self-sufficiency and safeguarding critical infrastructure,***

Amendment 38

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 3 – paragraph 5 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(2a) in Article 3(5), the following point is added:
	'***(ba) the Association shall continue to promote an international system based on strengthened multilateral cooperation and sound global governance, in particular through support for Greenland and the Member States of the Arctic Council in addressing the consequences of climate change and the geostrategic challenges arising in the Arctic.***'

Amendment 39

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) the sustainable diversification of OCTs' economies, including their further integration in world and regional economies, and ***in the specific case of Greenland,*** also the need to increase the skills of its labour force;***;***	(a) the sustainable diversification of OCTs' economies, including their further integration in world and regional economies, and also the need to increase the skills of its labour force;

Amendment 40

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point a a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point d

Present text	*Amendment*
	(aa) point (d) is replaced by the following:
(d) the promotion of a green and blue economy;	"(d) the promotion of a ***sustainable*** green and blue economy;"

Amendment 41

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(e) the sustainable management of natural resources, including raw materials, as well as the conservation and sustainable use	(e) the sustainable management of natural resources, including ***critical*** raw materials, ***marine resources, water and fisheries, in ways***

of biodiversity and ecosystem services;***;***	***which are environmentally and socially sustainable, contribute to decarbonisation targets and benefit local communities*** as well as the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services;

Amendment 42

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(ba) the following point is inserted:
	'***(fa) the development and promotion of agroecological techniques aimed at strengthening the resilience of agricultural systems and food security;***'

Amendment 43

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b b (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point g

Present text	*Amendment*
	(bb) point (g) is replaced by the following:
(g) the promotion of disaster risk reduction;	"(g) the promotion of disaster risk reduction***, early warning systems, emergency preparedness, coastal protection and resilient infrastructure***;"

Amendment 44

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point b c (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point i

Present text	*Amendment*
	(bc) point (i) is replaced by the following:
(i) digital accessibility;	"(i) digital ***connectivity and*** accessibility***, including through secure submarine cable connections, satellite links and resilient digital infrastructure, so as to ensure access to public services, education, healthcare, emergency response and economic opportunities for remote OCT communities***;"

Amendment 45

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point c
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 5 – paragraph 2 – point m

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(m) the development of regional cooperation in the Arctic, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic and the Pacific**.**;	(m) the development of regional cooperation in the Arctic, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, the Atlantic and the Pacific***, including with a view to strengthening the Union's capacity for cooperation with third-country partners and the protection of shared strategic interests in those regions***;

Amendment 46

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(d) point (n) is deleted;	***deleted***

Amendment 47

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 6

Present text	*Amendment*
	(3a) Article 6 is replaced by the following:
Article 6	"Article 6
Promotion of the association	Promotion of the association
1. With an aim to strengthen their mutual relations, the Union and the OCTs shall endeavour to make the association known among ***their*** citizens, in particular by promoting the development of the links and cooperation between the authorities, academic community, civil society and businesses of OCTs on the one hand and their ***interlocutors*** within the Union on the other.	1. With an aim to strengthen their mutual relations, the Union***, the Member States*** and the OCTs shall endeavour to make the association known among citizens, in particular by promoting the development of the links and cooperation between the authorities, ***indigenous people and local communities, the*** academic community, civil society and businesses of OCTs on the one hand and their ***counterparts*** within the Union on the other.
2. OCTs shall make efforts to strengthen and promote their relations with the Union as a whole. The Member States shall support these efforts.	2. OCTs shall make efforts to strengthen and promote their relations with the Union as a whole. The Member States shall support these efforts.
	2a. In the framework of the association, the Union, the OCTs and the Member States to which they are associated shall facilitate and promote the participation of citizens of the OCTs who are eligible to vote in European Parliament

	elections, remove barriers to participation and ensure democratic integrity, accessibility, and inclusivity."

Amendment 48

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 b (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 7 – paragraph 4 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(3b) in Article 7(4), the following point is added:
	'***(ea) young people's social and economic empowerment, education and youth exchanges, and youth participation.***'

Amendment 49

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 c (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Present text	*Amendment*
	(3c) Article 10(1) is replaced by the following:
1. The association shall be based on a broad dialogue and consultations on issues of mutual interest between the OCTs, the Member States to which they are linked ***and*** the Commission, and, if appropriate, the European Investment Bank (EIB), as well as other Union institutions and bodies.	"1. The association shall be based on a broad dialogue and consultations on issues of mutual interest between the OCTs ***and their elected representatives***, the Member States to which they are linked***, including their national parliaments, the European Parliament,*** the Commission, and, if appropriate, the European Investment Bank (EIB), as well as other Union institutions and bodies."

Amendment 50

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 d (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 12

Present text	*Amendment*
	(3d) Article 12 is replaced by the following:
Article 12	"***Article 12***
Responsibilities of the non-governmental actors	***Roles*** of the non-governmental actors
1. Non-governmental actors may play a role in ***the exchange of information and consultations concerning the cooperation, and in particular for*** the preparation and implementation of cooperation assistance, projects or programmes. They may receive a delegation of financial management powers for implementing such projects or programmes for the purpose of supporting local development initiatives.	1. Non-governmental actors may play a role in the preparation and implementation of cooperation assistance, projects or programmes***, and in the dissemination and exchange of information, as well as voicing citizen and civil society concerns on issues of mutual interest and programmes covered by the association, including in defining multi-annual indicative programmes, including by means of public consultations***. They may receive a delegation of financial management powers for implementing such projects or programmes for the purpose of supporting local development initiatives.
2. Non-governmental actors eligible for decentralised management of projects or programmes shall be identified by agreement between the OCT authorities, the Commission and the Member State to which the OCT is linked, taking into account the subject concerned, their expertise and field of activity. The process of identification shall be	2. Non-governmental actors eligible for decentralised management of projects or programmes shall be identified by agreement between the OCT authorities, the Commission and the Member State to which the OCT is linked, taking into account the subject concerned, their expertise and field of activity. The process of identification shall be

conducted in each OCT as part of the broad dialogue and consultations referred to in Article 10.	conducted in each OCT as part of the broad dialogue and consultations referred to in Article 10.
3. The association aims to contribute to the efforts of the OCTs to strengthen civil society organisations, in particular to facilitate their creation and development, and the development of the arrangements necessary for opening their involvement in the design, implementation and evaluation of development strategies and programmes.	***3. The association aims to contribute to the efforts of the OCTs to strengthen civil society organisations, with particular emphasis on organisations representing indigenous peoples and local communities,*** in particular to facilitate their creation and development, and the development of the arrangements necessary for opening ***and enhancing*** their involvement in the design, implementation and evaluation of development strategies and programmes."

Amendment 51

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) an OCTs-EU forum for dialogue (the 'OCTs-EU Forum'), which shall meet ***every two years*** to bring together OCTs' authorities, representatives of the Member States ***and the Commission. Members of*** the European Parliament***,*** representatives of the EIB and representatives of the outermost regions shall, where appropriate, be associated with the OCTs-EU Forum;	(a) an OCTs-EU forum for dialogue (the 'OCTs-EU Forum'), which shall meet ***yearly*** to bring together OCTs' authorities, representatives of the Member States***, a delegation from*** the European Parliament ***and the Commission.*** Representatives of the EIB and representatives of the outermost regions***, local and regional authorities, as well as civil society organisations, indigenous peoples*** shall, where appropriate, be associated with the OCTs-EU Forum;

Amendment 52

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 14 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) trilateral consultations between the Commission, the OCTs and the Member States to which they are linked, which shall be held on a regular basis. Those consultations shall be organised at least three times a year on the initiative of the Commission or at the request of OCTs and of the Member States to which they are linked. Member States ***shall*** be informed about the results of the consultations appropriately***;***	(b) trilateral consultations between the Commission, the OCTs and the Member States to which they are linked, which shall be held on a regular basis. Those consultations shall be organised at least three times a year on the initiative of the Commission or at the request of OCTs and of the Member States to which they are linked. Member States ***and the European Parliament shall*** be informed about the results of the consultations appropriately;

Amendment 53

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 14 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(4a) in Article 14, the following paragraph is added:
	'2a. The OCTs-EU Forum and the trilateral consultations shall cover in particular the programming of funding, the access of OCTs to funding and the reduction of administrative obstacles in that regard, as well as capacity building needs, connectivity and the resilience of critical infrastructure, maritime security, ocean governance, the surveillance of exclusive

	***economic zones and the regional integration of OCTs;*'**

Amendment 54

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 b (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 15 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4b) in Article 15(1), the introductory part is replaced by the following:
In the framework of the association, cooperation in the field of nature, environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction may concern:	"In the framework of the association, cooperation in the field of nature, environment, climate change***, oceans,*** and disaster risk reduction may concern:"

Amendment 55

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 c (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 15 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(4c) in Article 15, the following paragraph is added:
	'*1a. OCTs shall be eligible to apply for Union biodiversity and environmental programmes, which shall be adapted to their specific contextual circumstances and administrative capacity. In accordance with Article 85(3), the Union shall provide technical and administrative assistance to support OCTs in applying for and implementing such programmes.*'

Amendment 56

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 d (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point c – point ii

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4d) in Article 16(1)(c), point (ii) is replaced by the following:
(ii) strengthening capacities at a local, regional or international scale, by promoting the exchange of information***,*** knowledge, ***including*** indigenous, traditional and local knowledge, and best practices amongst all stakeholders including public authorities, landowners, private sector, researchers and civil society;	"(ii) strengthening capacities at a local, regional or international scale, by promoting the exchange of information ***and by protecting and promoting*** knowledge, ***in particular*** indigenous, traditional and local knowledge, and best practices amongst all stakeholders including public authorities, landowners, private sector, researchers and civil society;"

Amendment 57

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 e (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 19 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(4e) in Article 19, the following paragraph is added:
	'2a. The association framework shall promote the sustainable use and long-term health of marine ecosystems, including through careful assessment of the environmental impacts of activities affecting those ecosystems and recognition of the traditional knowledge of

	local communities regarding the ocean and its resources.'

Amendment 58

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 f (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 23 – paragraph 1 – point g

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4f) in Article 23(1), point (g) is replaced by the following:
(g) take into account the views of stakeholders involved ***in*** raw materials ***activities***.	"(g) take into account the views of stakeholders involved ***and ensure that local communities and indigenous people, in particular those whose lands, territories, resources, livelihoods or cultural heritage might be directly or indirectly impacted, are engaged through the provision of information and meaningful dialogue prior to investment decisions in relation to the mining, extraction and exportation of critical*** raw materials."

Amendment 59

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 g (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point c

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4g) in Article 25(1), point (c) is replaced by the following:
(c) the strengthening of existing measures of disaster prevention and preparation at local, national ***and*** regional levels;	"(c) the strengthening of existing measures of disaster prevention and preparation at local, national***, as well as intra-OCT and***

bilateral regional levels;"

Amendment 60

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 h (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 25 – paragraph 1 – point h

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4h) in Article 25(1), point (h) is replaced by the following
(h) the promotion of the participation of the OCTs in regional, European and international instances in order to allow a more regular exchange of information and closer cooperation among the different partners in the event of a disaster.	"(h) the promotion of ***bilateral cooperation among the OCTs and with their neighbours and*** the participation of the OCTs in regional, European and international instances in order to allow a more regular exchange of information and closer cooperation among the different partners in the event of a disaster."

Amendment 61

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 i (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 26 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(4i) in Article 26(2), the following point is added:
	'***(da) intercontinental seabed and satellite-based connectivity.***'

Amendment 62

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 j (new)

Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 32

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4j) Article 32 is replaced by the following:
Article 32	"Article 32
Youth	Youth
The association aims to strengthen the ties between young people living in the OCTs and the Union, including by promoting learning mobility of OCTs youth and by fostering mutual understanding ***among*** young people.	The association aims to strengthen the ties between young people living in the OCTs and the Union, including by promoting ***their participation in activities and projects under the association across different areas of mutual interest and by supporting or providing*** learning mobility of OCTs youth and by fostering mutual understanding ***and encounters involving*** young people ***from the OCTs and from across continental Europe***."

Amendment 63

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 k (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(4k) in Article 33(1), the following point is added:
	'***(ba) non-formal and informal learning.***'

Amendment 64

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 l (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 35

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4l) Article 35 is replaced by the following:
Article 35	"Article 35
Employment and social policy	Employment and social policy
1. The Union and the OCTs shall maintain dialogue in the field of employment and social policy in order to contribute to the economic and social development of the OCTs and the promotion of decent work in the OCTs and regions where they are located. Such a dialogue shall also aim to support the efforts of the OCTs' authorities to develop policies and legislation in this area, taking into account the dialogue established by the OCTs with the International Labour Organisation (ILO).	1. The Union and the OCTs shall maintain dialogue in the field of employment and social policy in order to contribute to the economic and social development of the OCTs and the promotion of decent work in the OCTs and regions where they are located. Such a dialogue shall also aim to support the efforts of the OCTs' authorities to develop policies and legislation in this area, taking into account the dialogue established by the OCTs with the International Labour Organisation (ILO)***, and the mainstreaming of positive social impacts and inclusion across all interventions and dialogues***.
2. The dialogue in the field of employment and social policy shall mainly consist of exchange of information and best practices relating to policies and legislation in the area of employment and social policy that are of mutual interest to the Union and the OCTs. In that regard, areas such as skills development, social protection, social dialogue, equal opportunities, non-discrimination and accessibility for persons with disabilities, health and safety at work and other labour standards shall be taken into consideration.	2. The dialogue in the field of employment and social policy shall mainly consist of exchange of information and best practices relating to policies and legislation in the area of employment and social policy that are of mutual interest to the Union and the OCTs***, as well as policy priorities to facilitate participation and create opportunities for local entrepreneurs and SMEs. Context-sensitive local engagement should aim to equip local workforces, particularly women and girls, SMEs and young people, for the digital transition, energy transition, connectivity, climate adaptation and environmental sustainability,***

	while supporting local opportunities for economic development. In that regard, areas such as skills development, social protection, social dialogue, equal ***equitable*** opportunities***, local SMEs and female entrepreneurship***, non-discrimination and accessibility for persons with disabilities, health and safety at work and other labour standards shall be taken into consideration."

Amendment 65

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 4 m (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 69 – paragraph 1 – point a

Present text	*Amendment*
	(4m) in Article 69(1), point (a) is replaced by the following:
(a) increasing the OCTs' competitiveness, self-reliance and economic resilience, through diversifying the range and increasing the value and volume of OCTs trade in goods and services and by strengthening the OCTs' ability to attract private investments in various sectors of economic activity;	"(a) increasing the OCTs' competitiveness, self-reliance and economic resilience, through diversifying the range and increasing the value and volume of OCTs trade in goods and services and by strengthening the OCTs' ability to attract private investments***, including through leveraging private capital to mobilise additional resources and expertise,*** in various sectors of economic activity;"

Amendment 66

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 5
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 75 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The ***indicative financial*** envelope for the implementation of the ***Programme*** for the period 2028-2034 shall be EUR ***999 000 000*** in current prices.	1. The ***programme*** envelope for the implementation of the ***Decision*** for the period 2028-2034 shall be EUR ***2 084 775 000,*** in current prices ***(EUR 1 850 000 000 in 2025 constant prices)***.

Amendment 67

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6 – point b
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 76 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) point (g) is deleted;	***deleted***

Amendment 68

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 77 – paragraph 3 – point a

Present text	*Amendment*
	(6a) in Article 77(3), point (a) is replaced by the following:
(a) be implemented with due regard to the OCTs' respective geographical, social and cultural characteristics, as well as their specific potential;	"(a) be implemented ***in a balanced manner*** with due regard to the OCTs' ***populations' needs,*** respective geographical, ***geostrategic and security challenges,*** social and cultural***, and economic*** characteristics, as well as their specific potential;"

Amendment 69

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 6 b (new)

Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 77 – paragraph 3 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(6b) in Article 77(3), the following point is added:
	'*(da) be guided by clear priorities, transparent criteria and a people-centred, results-oriented approach and the delivery of measurable, development outcomes, notably in the long-term.*'

Amendment 70

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 81 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
2. ***The rules and procedures concerning carry overs, annual instalments***, repayments, revenue and recoveries from financial instruments financed under this Programme or its predecessors, and surpluses from the budgetary guarantees and financial assistance provisioned by this Programme or its predecessors, ***laid down in*** Article ***22*** of Regulation (EU) ***Global Europe*** shall ***apply to the implementation of the*** Programme.	2. ***[From 1 January 2028 / programme start date], by way of derogation from the first, second and fourth subparagraphs of Article 212(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509***, repayments, revenue and recoveries from financial instruments financed under this Programme or its predecessors, and surpluses from the budgetary guarantees and financial assistance provisioned by this Programme or its predecessors, ***shall be used to provide Union support under this Programme. By way of derogation from*** Article ***21(3), point (f), and in accordance with Article 21(5)*** of Regulation (EU***, Euratom***) ***2024/2509, those resources*** shall ***constitute external assigned***

revenue to this Programme.

Amendment 71

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 82 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
1. The Commission shall adopt, under this Decision, multiannual indicative programmes as referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EU)…/… [Global Europe].	1. ***Following consultation of the actors identified in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of this Decision,*** the Commission shall adopt, under this Decision, multiannual indicative programmes as referred to in Article 15 of Regulation (EU)…/… [Global Europe].

Amendment 72

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 82 – paragraph 4 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(a) actions plans and individual measure for which the Union's funding does not exceed EUR ***2 000 000***;	(a) actions plans and individual measure for which the Union's funding does not exceed EUR ***1 000 000***;

Amendment 73

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 82 – paragraph 4 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(b) special and support	(b) special and support

measures for which the Union's funding does not exceed EUR ***5 000 000.;***	measures for which the Union's funding does not exceed EUR ***2 000 000***.

Amendment 74

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 8
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 82 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	4a. The action plans and measures adopted in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Article shall be communicated by the Commission to the European Parliament and to the Member States through the relevant committee referred to in Article 90(1) within one month of their adoption.'

Amendment 75

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 10
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 84 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. Within the regional allocation, an intra-regional allocation may be used for operations benefitting and involving:
	(a) one or more OCTs and at least one of the following:
	(i) one or more outermost regions referred to in Article 349 TFEU;
	(ii) one or more neighbouring ACP and/or non-ACP States or

	territories;
	(iii) one or more regional bodies of which OCTs, or ACP States or one or more of the outermost regions are members; or
	(b) one or more entities, authorities or other bodies from at least one OCT, being members of an EGTC, and one or more outermost regions and/or one or more neighbouring ACP and/or non-ACP States or territories.

Amendment 76

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 10
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 84 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1b. In implementing the regional allocation referred to in paragraph 1, priority shall be given to investments that are consistent with shared strategic and economic security interests, and which strengthen the OCTs' integrity, regional integration, in particular in the areas of secure connectivity, sustainable maritime cooperation, ocean governance, disaster preparedness, food security, energy resilience. Priority shall also be given to initiatives that enhance economic security and the integration of OCTs into sustainable regional and global value chains, delivering concrete benefits to local

	communities, including indigenous peoples.

Amendment 77

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 11 – point a a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 85 – paragraph 3

Present text	*Amendment*
	(aa) paragraph 3 ***is replaced by the following:***
3***. Where appropriate,*** the Commission shall encourage the access of OCTs to Union programmes, as well as programmes and instruments of the Union for cooperation with other countries.	"***3.*** The Commission shall encourage***, facilitate and actively support*** the access of OCTs to Union programmes, as well as programmes and instruments of the Union for cooperation with other countries***, taking into account the geographical distance between the OCTs and the Member States to which they are linked. The Commission shall regularly assess and identify practical barriers, including co-financing constraints and administrative requirements, and where possible provide remedies in view of obstacles limiting or preventing the effective participation of OCT eligible entities in Union programmes, including Erasmus+, Horizon Europe and the European Competitiveness Fund. Such remedies may include the adaptation of eligibility criteria, the establishment of dedicated actions for OCTs, the provision of enhanced technical assistance and contact points, the strengthening of capacity-building support for the***

	submission of proposals, and the implementation of projects. Technical and administrative assistance shall be provided."

Amendment 78

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 12
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Article 86

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(12) Article 86 is ***deleted;***	(12) Article 86 is ***replaced by the following:***
	"Article 86
	Reporting
	The Commission shall examine the progress made in implementing the financial assistance provided to the OCTs under this Decision and from other Union funding instruments, and shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council, providing an overview of the implementation of the cooperation with and assistance provided to OCTs, including on the allocation and use of funds, the achievement of results, absorption capacity and the use of the non-allocated funds and the effectiveness of support structures. The report shall include an assessment of how funding has contributed to the priorities set out in this Decision. "

Amendment 79

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point a –subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The territorial (bilateral) and regional programmable support for the long-term development of all the OCTs, in particular shall finance the initiatives referred to in the programming document. Where appropriate, the programming document shall pay particular attention to actions aimed at strengthening governance and the institutional capacities of the beneficiary OCTs and, where relevant, the likely timetable of the envisaged actions.	The territorial (bilateral) and regional programmable support for the long-term development of all the OCTs, in particular shall finance the initiatives referred to in the programming document***. That financing may also take the form of direct budgetary support***. Where appropriate, the programming document shall pay particular attention to actions aimed at strengthening governance and the institutional capacities of the beneficiary OCTs and, where relevant, the likely timetable of the envisaged actions.

Amendment 80

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point a –subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The amount for the territorial (bilateral) cooperation shall be allocated on the basis of the specificities, needs, development level and performance of the OCTs in accordance with a limited set of specific criteria, taking into account the population, where relevant, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), poverty and inequality, the level of previous allocations, the OCTs' absorption capacities, exceptional situation and constraints due to the geographical isolation of	The amount for the territorial (bilateral) cooperation shall be allocated on the basis of the specificities, needs, development level and performance of the OCTs in accordance with a limited set of specific criteria, taking into account the population, where relevant, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), poverty and inequality, ***vulnerability to natural disasters and climate related shocks,*** the level of previous allocations, the OCTs' absorption capacities, exceptional

OCTs as mentioned in Article 9.	situation***, needs*** and constraints due to the geographical ***location and*** isolation of OCTs ***and their limited administrative capacities*** as mentioned in Article 9***, as well as their specific circumstances, needs and mutual geostrategic relevance in view of their contribution to regional stability, maritime security, connectivity, critical infrastructure and resilience***.

Amendment 81

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point a –subparagraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
The amount for regional cooperation shall be implemented in coordination with Article 7 of this Decision, in particular regarding the areas of mutual interest referred to in Article 5 of this Decision and through consultation via the instances of the EU-OCTs partnership referred to in Article 14 of this Decision. Coordination shall be sought with other relevant Union financial programmes and instruments, such as those covering the cooperation with relevant ACP and non-ACP states and territories as well as the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 TFEU.	The amount for regional cooperation***, of which 20% could support intra-regional operations,*** shall be implemented in coordination with Article 7 of this Decision, in particular regarding the areas of mutual interest referred to in Article 5 of this Decision and through consultation via the instances of the EU-OCTs partnership referred to in Article 14 of this Decision. Coordination shall be sought with other relevant Union financial programmes and instruments, such as those covering the cooperation with relevant ACP and non-ACP states and territories as well as the outermost regions referred to in Article 349 TFEU.

Amendment 82

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
(i) ensure an appropriate response of the Union in the event of unforeseen circumstances;	(i) ensure an appropriate response of the Union in the event of unforeseen circumstances ***including natural disasters, climate-related emergencies and economic shocks***;

Amendment 84

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	(iii a) respond to strategic, security or sovereignty needs, in particular to strengthen the Union's role in sensitive geopolitical areas or those subject to attempts at foreign interference, protect critical infrastructure and support the OCTs' surveillance and resilience capacities.

Amendment 85

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 2
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex I – Article 1 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
	1a. The use of the non-

allocated fund shall be subject to clear criteria, transparent decision-making and appropriate reporting to the European Parliament and the Council.

Amendment 86

Proposal for a decision
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 17 a (new)
Decision (EU) 2021/1764
Annex IV a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(17a)The following Annex is added:

"Annex IVa
Budget Nomenclature

The nomenclature for the OCT Programme will include the following budget lines:

Title	***Chapter***	***Article***	***Item***	***Description***
XX				***Other external action programmes***
XX	***01***	***02***		***Support administrative expenditure for overseas countries and territories***
XX	***03***			***Overseas countries and territories***
XX	***03***	***01***		***All overseas countries and territories***
XX	***03***	***02***		***Overseas countries and territories other than Greenland***
XX	***03***	***02***	***01***	***Territorial co-operation***
XX	***03***	***02***	***02***	***Intraregional co-operation***
XX	***03***	***02***	***03***	***Regional co-operation***
XX	***03***	***03***		***Greenland***

"