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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 640/2013

of 3 July 2013

establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾,Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multi-lateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the

Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.

- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 2013.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,**Jerzy PLEWA
Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	AL	55,3
	MK	46,1
	ZZ	50,7
0707 00 05	MK	23,1
	TR	111,1
	ZZ	67,1
0709 93 10	TR	128,3
	ZZ	128,3
0805 50 10	AR	94,6
	TR	69,0
	ZA	98,0
	ZZ	87,2
0808 10 80	AR	148,0
	BR	120,3
	CL	130,8
	CN	106,3
	NZ	142,4
	TR	99,8
	US	160,7
	ZA	122,5
	ZZ	128,9
0808 30 90	AR	135,6
	CL	117,0
	CN	49,9
	NZ	192,6
	ZA	116,8
	ZZ	122,4
0809 10 00	IL	275,4
	TR	212,6
	ZZ	244,0
0809 29 00	TR	295,1
	US	605,0
	ZZ	450,1
0809 30	TR	258,2
	ZZ	258,2
0809 40 05	IL	308,9
	ZZ	308,9

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/350/CFSP

of 2 July 2013

amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East peace process

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular, Articles 28, 31(2) and 33 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 23 January 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/33/CFSP⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Andreas REINICKE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East peace process. The mandate is to expire on 30 June 2013.
- (2) The mandate of the EUSR should be extended for a further period of 12 months. The mandate should be reviewed in autumn 2013. This review should be completed by 31 December 2013.
- (3) The EUSR will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

European Union Special Representative

The mandate of Mr Andreas REINICKE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East peace process ("peace process") is hereby extended until 30 June 2014. The mandate of the EUSR may be terminated earlier, if the Council so decides, on a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).

Article 2

Policy objectives

1. The mandate of the EUSR shall be based on the policy objectives of the Union regarding the peace process.
2. Those objectives include, inter alia:
 - (a) a comprehensive peace that should be achieved on the basis of the relevant United Nations (UN) Security Council Resol-

utions, the Madrid principles, the Roadmap, the agreements previously reached by the parties and the Arab Peace Initiative;

- (b) a two-State solution with Israel and a democratic, contiguous, viable, peaceful and sovereign Palestinian State living side by side within secure and recognised borders enjoying normal relations with their neighbours in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 1397 (2002) and 1402 (2002) and the Madrid principles;
- (c) a solution to the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese conflicts;
- (d) a solution to resolve the status of Jerusalem as the future capital of two states and a just, viable and agreed solution to the problem of Palestinian refugees;
- (e) following-up of the peace process towards a final status agreement and the creation of a Palestinian state including strengthening the role of the Middle East Quartet ("the Quartet") as guardian of the Roadmap, particularly in view of the monitoring of the implementation of the obligations which both parties have under the roadmap and in line with all international efforts to bring about a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace.

3. These objectives are based on the Union's commitment to work with the parties and with partners in the international community, especially within the framework of the Quartet, to pursue every opportunity for peace and for a decent future for all people in the region.

4. The EUSR shall support the work of the HR in the region, including within the framework of the Quartet.

Article 3

Mandate

In order to achieve the policy objectives, referred to in Article 2, the mandate of the EUSR shall be to:

- (a) provide an active and efficient Union contribution to actions and initiatives leading to a final settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and of the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese conflicts;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 19, 24.1.2012, p. 17.

- (b) facilitate and maintain close contact with all the parties to the peace process, other countries of the region, members of the Quartet and other relevant countries, as well as the UN and other relevant international organisations, in order to work with them in strengthening the peace process;
- (c) ensure continued presence of the Union in relevant international fora and contribute to crisis management and prevention;
- (d) observe and support peace negotiations between the parties and put forward Union proposals, on its behalf, in the context of those negotiations;
- (e) contribute, where requested, to the implementation of international agreements reached between the parties and engage with them diplomatically in the event of non-compliance with the terms of those agreements;
- (f) pay particular attention to factors affecting the regional dimension of the peace process;
- (g) engage constructively with signatories to agreements within the framework of the peace process in order to promote compliance with the basic norms of democracy, including respect for human rights and the rule of law;
- (h) make proposals for Union intervention in the peace process and on the best way of pursuing Union initiatives and ongoing peace process-related Union efforts, such as the Union's contribution to Palestinian reforms and including the political aspects of relevant Union development projects;
- (i) monitor actions by both sides on the implementation of the roadmap and on issues that might prejudice the outcome of the permanent status negotiations to enable the Quartet to better assess the parties' compliance;
- (j) as Envoy to the Quartet, report on progress and evolution in the negotiations and contribute to the preparation of Quartet Envoys meetings on the basis of Union positions and through coordination with other Quartet members;
- (k) contribute to the implementation of the Union's human rights policy in cooperation with the EUSR for Human Rights, including the Union Guidelines on human rights, in particular the EU Guidelines on Children and Armed Conflict as well as on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them, and Union policy regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, including by monitoring and reporting on developments as well as formulating recommendations in this regard;
- (l) contribute to a better understanding of the role of the Union among opinion leaders in the region.

Article 4

Implementation of the mandate

1. The EUSR shall be responsible for the implementation of the mandate, acting under the authority of the HR. In order to fulfil his mandate and specific responsibilities in the field the EUSR shall be fully dedicated to the Mission.
2. The Political and Security Committee (PSC) shall maintain a privileged link with the EUSR and shall be the EUSR's primary point of contact with the Council. The PSC shall provide the EUSR with strategic guidance and political direction within the framework of the mandate, without prejudice to the powers of the HR.
3. The EUSR shall work in close coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS).
4. Particularly in the course of his missions, the EUSR shall work closely with the EU Representative Office in Jerusalem, the Union Delegation in Tel Aviv as well as with all other relevant Union delegations in the region.

Article 5

Financing

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR in the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 shall be EUR 506 500.
2. The expenditure financed by the amount stipulated in paragraph 1 shall be eligible as from 1 July 2013. The expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.
3. The management of the expenditure shall be subject to a contract between the EUSR and the Commission. The EUSR shall be accountable to the Commission for all expenditure.

Article 6

Constitution and composition of the team

1. Within the limits of his mandate and the corresponding financial means made available, the EUSR shall be responsible for constituting his team. The team shall include the expertise on specific policy issues as required by the mandate. The EUSR shall promptly and regularly inform the Council and the Commission of the composition of his team.
2. Member States, institutions of the Union and the EEAS may propose the secondment of staff to work with the EUSR. The salary of such seconded staff shall be covered by the Member State, the institution of the Union concerned or the EEAS, respectively. Experts seconded by Member States to the institutions of the Union or the EEAS may also be posted to work with the EUSR. Internationally contracted staff shall have the nationality of a Member State.

3. All seconded staff shall remain under the administrative authority of the sending Member State, the institution of the Union or the EEAS and shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the EUSR.

4. The EUSR staff shall be co-located with the relevant EEAS departments or Union delegations in order to contribute to the coherence and consistency of their respective activities.

Article 7

Privileges and immunities of the EUSR and his staff

The privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the completion and smooth functioning of the mission of the EUSR and the members of his staff shall be agreed with the host countries, as appropriate. Member States and the EEAS shall grant all necessary support to such effect.

Article 8

Security of EU classified information

The EUSR and the members of his team shall respect the security principles and minimum standards established by Council Decision 2011/292/EU of 31 March 2011 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information⁽¹⁾.

Article 9

Access to information and logistical support

1. Member States, the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council shall ensure that the EUSR is given access to any relevant information.
2. The Union delegations and/or Member States, as appropriate, shall provide logistical support in the region.

Article 10

Security

In accordance with the Union's policy on the security of staff deployed outside the Union in an operational capacity under Title V of the Treaty, the EUSR shall take all reasonably practicable measures, in conformity with his mandate and the security situation in his geographical area of responsibility, for the security of all staff under his direct authority, in particular by:

- (a) establishing a mission-specific security plan based on guidance from the EEAS, including mission-specific physical, organisational and procedural security measures, governing management of the secure movement of staff to, and within, the mission area, as well as management of security incidents and including a mission contingency and evacuation plan;
- (b) ensuring that all staff deployed outside the Union are covered by high risk insurance as required by the conditions in the mission area;

(c) ensuring that all members of his team to be deployed outside the Union, including locally contracted staff, have received appropriate security training before or upon arriving in the mission area, based on the risk ratings assigned to the mission area by the EEAS;

(d) ensuring that all agreed recommendations made following regular security assessments are implemented and providing the Council, the Commission and the HR, with written reports on their implementation and on other security issues within the framework of the mid-term and mandate implementation reports.

Article 11

Reporting

The EUSR shall regularly provide the HR and the PSC with oral and written reports. The EUSR shall also report to Council working parties, as necessary. Regular written reports shall be circulated through the COREU network. Upon recommendation of the HR or the PSC, the EUSR shall provide the Foreign Affairs Council with reports. In accordance with Article 36 of the Treaty the EUSR may be involved in briefing the European Parliament.

Article 12

Coordination

1. The EUSR shall promote overall Union political coordination. He shall help ensure that all Union instruments in the field are engaged coherently to attain the Union's policy objectives. The activities of the EUSR shall be coordinated with those of the Commission as well as those of other EUSRs active in the region, including the EUSR for the Southern Mediterranean Region, as appropriate. The EUSR shall provide regular briefings to Member States' missions and the Union delegations.

2. In the field, close liaison shall be maintained with the Heads of the Union delegations and Member States' Heads of Mission. They shall make every effort to assist the EUSR in the implementation of the mandate. The EUSR, in close coordination with the Head of the Union Delegation in Tel Aviv, shall provide the Heads of the European Union Police Mission in the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) and of the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) with local political guidance. The EUSR and the Civilian Operation Commander shall consult each other as required. The EUSR shall also liaise with other international and regional actors in the field.

Article 13

Assistance in relation to claims

The EUSR and his staff shall assist in providing elements to respond any claims and obligations arising from the mandates of the previous EUSRs for the Middle East peace process, and shall provide administrative assistance and access to relevant files for such purpose.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 17.

*Article 14***Review**

1. The implementation of this Decision and its consistency with other contributions from the Union to the region shall be kept under regular review. The EUSR shall present the Council, the Commission and the HR with progress report by the end of October 2013 and a comprehensive mandate implementation report at the end of the mandate.

2. The mandate of the EUSR shall be reviewed by 31 December 2013.

*Article 15***Entry into force**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption. It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

L. LINKEVIČIUS

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/351/CFSP**of 2 July 2013****amending Decision 2011/426/CFSP appointing the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28, Article 31(2) and Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 July 2011, the Council adopted Decision 2011/426/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Peter SØRENSEN as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The mandate of the EUSR is to expire on 30 June 2015.
- (2) Decision 2011/426/CFSP, as amended by Decision 2012/330/CFSP ⁽²⁾, provided the EUSR with the financial reference amounts covering the period from 1 September 2011 to 30 June 2013. A new financial reference amount for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 should be established.
- (3) The EUSR will implement the mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty.

- (4) Decision 2011/426/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 5(1) of Decision 2011/426/CFSP, the following subparagraph is added:

"The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR in the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 shall be EUR 5 285 000."

*Article 2***Entry into force**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2013.

For the Council
The President
L. LINKEVIČIUS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 188, 19.7.2011, p. 30.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 165, 26.6.2012, p. 66.

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/352/CFSP**of 2 July 2013****amending Decision 2012/440/CFSP appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28, Article 31(2) and Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 July 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/440/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Stavros LAMBRINIDIS as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights. The mandate of the EUSR is to expire on 30 June 2014.
- (2) Decision 2012/440/CFSP provided the EUSR with the financial reference amount covering the period from 25 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. A new financial reference amount for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 should be established.
- (3) Decision 2012/440/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

Article 1

In Article 5(1) of Decision 2012/440/CFSP, the following subparagraph is added:

"The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR in the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 shall be EUR 837 000."

*Article 2***Entry into force**

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

L. LINKEVIČIUS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 200, 27.7.2012, p. 21.

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/353/CFSP

of 2 July 2013

amending and extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28, Article 31(2) and Article 33 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 August 2011, the Council adopted Decision 2011/518/CFSP⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Philippe LEFORT as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia. The mandate of the EUSR is to expire on 30 June 2013.
- (2) The mandate of the EUSR should be amended and extended for a further period of 12 months. The mandate should be reviewed in autumn 2013. This review should be completed by 31 December 2013.
- (3) The EUSR will implement the mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***European Union Special Representative**

The mandate of Mr Philippe LEFORT as the EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia is hereby amended and extended until 30 June 2014. The mandate of the EUSR may be terminated earlier, if the Council so decides, on a proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).

*Article 2***Policy objectives**

The mandate of the EUSR shall be based on the policy objectives of the Union for the South Caucasus, including the objectives set out in the conclusions of the extraordinary European Council meeting in Brussels on 1 September 2008 and the Council conclusions of 15 September 2008, as well as those of 27 February 2012. Those objectives include:

- (a) in accordance with the existing mechanisms, including the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and its Minsk Group, to prevent conflicts in the region, to contribute to a peaceful settlement of conflicts in the region, including the crisis in Georgia and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, by promoting the return of refugees and internally displaced persons and through

other appropriate means, and to support the implementation of such a settlement in accordance with the principles of international law;

- (b) to engage constructively with the main interested actors regarding the region;
- (c) to encourage and to support further cooperation between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, and, as appropriate, their neighbouring countries;
- (d) to enhance the Union's effectiveness and visibility in the region.

*Article 3***Mandate**

In order to achieve the policy objectives, the mandate of the EUSR shall be:

- (a) to develop contacts with governments, parliaments, other key political actors, the judiciary and civil society in the region;
- (b) to encourage the countries in the region to cooperate on regional themes of common interest, such as common security threats, the fight against terrorism, illicit trafficking and organised crime;
- (c) to contribute to the peaceful settlement of conflicts in accordance with the principles of international law and to facilitate the implementation of such settlement in close coordination with the United Nations, the OSCE and its Minsk Group;
- (d) with respect to the crisis in Georgia:
 - (i) to help prepare for the international talks held under point 6 of the settlement plan of 12 August 2008 ("Geneva International Discussions") and its implementing measures of 8 September 2008, including on arrangements for security and stability in the region, the issue of refugees and internally displaced persons, on the basis of internationally recognised principles, and any other subject, by mutual agreement between the parties;
 - (ii) to help establish the Union's position and represent it, at the level of the EUSR, in the talks referred to in point (i); and
 - (iii) to facilitate the implementation of the settlement plan of 12 August 2008 and its implementing measures of 8 September 2008;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 221, 27.8.2011, p. 5. The mandate of the EUSR was extended by Decision 2012/326/CFSP (OJ L 165, 26.6.2012, p. 53) for a period of 12 months.

- (e) to facilitate the development and implementation of confidence-building measures;
- (f) to assist in the preparation, as appropriate, of Union contributions to the implementation of a possible conflict settlement;
- (g) to intensify the Union's dialogue with the main actors concerned regarding the region;
- (h) to assist the Union in further developing a comprehensive policy towards the South Caucasus;
- (i) in the framework of the activities set out in this Article, to contribute to the implementation of the Union's human rights policy, in cooperation with the EUSR for Human Rights, and the Union Guidelines on Human Rights, in particular with regard to children and women in areas affected by conflicts, especially by monitoring and addressing developments in this regard.

Article 4

Implementation of the mandate

1. The EUSR shall be responsible for the implementation of the mandate, acting under the authority of the HR.
2. The Political and Security Committee (PSC) shall maintain a privileged link with the EUSR and shall be the EUSR's primary point of contact with the Council. The PSC shall provide the EUSR with strategic guidance and political direction within the framework of the mandate, without prejudice to the powers of the HR.
3. The EUSR shall work in close coordination with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and its relevant departments.

Article 5

Financing

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR in the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 shall be EUR 1 050 000.
2. The expenditure financed by the amount set out in paragraph 1 shall be eligible as from 1 July 2013. The expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.
3. The management of the expenditure shall be subject to a contract between the EUSR and the Commission. The EUSR shall be accountable to the Commission for all expenditure.

Article 6

Constitution and composition of the team

1. Within the limits of the mandate of the EUSR and the corresponding financial means made available, the EUSR shall be responsible for constituting a team. The team shall include the expertise on specific policy issues as required by the

mandate. The EUSR shall keep the Council and the Commission promptly informed of the composition of the team.

2. Member States, the institutions of the Union and the EEAS may propose the secondment of staff to the EUSR. The salary of such seconded personnel shall be covered by the Member State, the institution of the Union concerned or the EEAS, respectively. Experts seconded by Member States to the institutions of the Union or the EEAS may also be posted to the EUSR. International contracted staff shall have the nationality of a Member State.

3. All seconded personnel shall remain under the administrative authority of the sending Member State, the sending institution of the Union or the EEAS and shall carry out their duties and act in the interest of the mandate of the EUSR.

4. The EUSR staff shall be co-located with the relevant EEAS departments or Union delegations in order to contribute to the coherence and consistency of their respective activities.

Article 7

Privileges and immunities of the EUSR and the staff of the EUSR

The privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the completion and smooth functioning of the EUSR's mission and the members of the EUSR's staff shall be agreed with the host countries, as appropriate. Member States and the EEAS shall grant all necessary support to such effect.

Article 8

Security of EU classified information

The EUSR and the members of the EUSR's team shall respect the security principles and minimum standards established by Council Decision 2011/292/EU of 31 March 2011 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information⁽¹⁾.

Article 9

Access to information and logistical support

1. Member States, the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council shall ensure that the EUSR is given access to any relevant information.
2. The Union delegations in the region and/or the Member States, as appropriate, shall provide logistical support in the region.

Article 10

Security

In accordance with the Union's policy on the security of personnel deployed outside the Union in an operational capacity under Title V of the Treaty, the EUSR shall take all reasonably practicable measures, in accordance with the mandate of the EUSR and the security situation in the geographical area of responsibility, for the security of all personnel under the direct authority of the EUSR, in particular by:

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 17.

- (a) establishing a mission-specific security plan based on guidance from the EEAS, providing for mission-specific physical, organisational and procedural security measures governing the management of the secure movement of personnel to, and within, the mission area and the management of security incidents, and providing for a contingency plan and a mission evacuation plan;
- (b) ensuring that all personnel deployed outside the Union are covered by high risk insurance, as required by the conditions in the mission area;
- (c) ensuring that all members of the EUSR's team to be deployed outside the Union, including locally contracted personnel, have received appropriate security training before or upon arriving in the mission area, based on the risk ratings assigned to the mission area by the EEAS;
- (d) ensuring that all agreed recommendations made following regular security assessments are implemented, and providing the Council, the HR and the Commission with written reports on their implementation and on other security issues within the framework of the progress report and the report on the implementation of the mandate.

Article 11

Reporting

The EUSR shall regularly provide the PSC and the HR with oral and written reports. The EUSR shall also report to Council working parties as necessary. Regular written reports shall be circulated through the COREU network. Upon recommendation of the PSC or the HR, the EUSR may provide the Foreign Affairs Council with reports. In accordance with Article 36 of the Treaty, the EUSR may be involved in briefing the European Parliament.

Article 12

Coordination

1. The EUSR shall contribute to the unity, consistency and effectiveness of the Union's action and shall help ensure that all Union instruments and Member States' actions are engaged consistently, to attain the Union's policy objectives. The activities of the EUSR shall be coordinated with those of the Commission. The EUSR shall provide regular briefings to Member States' missions and the Union's delegations.

2. In the field, close liaison shall be maintained with the Heads of Union delegations and Member States' Heads of

Mission, who shall make every effort to assist the EUSR in the implementation of the mandate. The EUSR, in close coordination with the Head of the Union Delegation to Georgia, shall provide the Head of the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) with local political guidance. The EUSR and the Civilian Operation Commander for EUMM Georgia shall consult each other as required. The EUSR shall also liaise with other international and regional actors in the field.

Article 13

Assistance in relation to claims

The EUSR and his staff shall assist in providing elements to respond to any claims and obligations arising from the mandates of the previous EUSRs for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, and shall provide administrative assistance and access to relevant files for such purpose.

Article 14

Review

1. The implementation of this Decision and its consistency with other contributions from the Union to the region shall be kept under regular review. The EUSR shall present the Council, the HR and the Commission with a progress report by the end of October 2013 and, at the end of the mandate of the EUSR, with a comprehensive report on the implementation of the mandate.

2. The mandate of the EUSR shall be reviewed by 31 December 2013.

Article 15

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

Done at Brussels, 2 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

L. LINKEVIČIUS

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/354/CFSP**of 3 July 2013****on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28, Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 November 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/797/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories ⁽¹⁾ (EUPOL COPPS) for a period of three years. The operational phase of EUPOL COPPS began on 1 January 2006.
- (2) On 17 December 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/784/CFSP ⁽²⁾ on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS), which continued EUPOL COPPS as from 1 January 2011. Decision 2010/784/CFSP expires on 30 June 2013.
- (3) On 7 June 2013 the Political and Security Committee (PSC) recommended that the Mission be extended for an additional period of 12 months until 30 June 2014.
- (4) The watch-keeping capability should be activated for the Mission.
- (5) EUPOL COPPS will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Mission**

1. The European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories, hereinafter referred to as EUPOL COPPS, established by Joint Action 2005/797/CFSP, shall be continued as from 1 July 2013.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 300, 17.11.2005, p. 65.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 335, 18.12.2010, p. 60.

2. EUPOL COPPS shall operate in accordance with the mission statement as set out in Article 2.

*Article 2***Mission statement**

The aim of EUPOL COPPS is to contribute to the establishment of sustainable and effective policing arrangements under Palestinian ownership in accordance with best international standards, in cooperation with the Union's institution building programmes as well as other international efforts in the wider context of the Security Sector including Criminal Justice Reform.

To this end EUPOL COPPS shall:

- (a) assist the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) in implementation of the Police Development Programme by advising and closely mentoring PCP, and specifically senior officials at District, Headquarters and Ministerial level;
- (b) coordinate and facilitate Union and Member State assistance, and where requested, international assistance to PCP;
- (c) advise on police-related Criminal Justice elements;
- (d) have a project cell for identifying and implementing projects. The Mission shall, as appropriate, coordinate, facilitate and provide advice on projects implemented by Member States and third States under their responsibility, in areas related to the Mission and in support of its objectives.

In connection with the above-mentioned tasks, EUPOL COPPS shall have the capacity to procure services and supplies, to enter into contracts and administrative arrangements, to employ staff, to hold bank accounts, to acquire and dispose of assets and to discharge its liabilities, and to be a party to legal proceedings.

*Article 3***Review**

A six-monthly review process, in accordance with the assessment criteria set out in the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) and the Operation Plan (OPLAN) and taking into account developments on the ground, will enable adjustments to be made to the size and scope of EUPOL COPPS as necessary.

*Article 4***Chain of command and structure**

1. EUPOL COPPS shall have a unified chain of command, as a crisis management operation.
2. EUPOL COPPS shall be structured in accordance with its planning documents.

*Article 5***Civilian Operation Commander**

1. The Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) Director shall be the Civilian Operation Commander for EUPOL COPPS.
2. The Civilian Operation Commander, under the political control and strategic direction of the PSC and the overall authority of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR), shall exercise command and control of EUPOL COPPS at the strategic level.
3. The Civilian Operation Commander shall ensure, with regard to the conduct of operations, proper and effective implementation of the Council's decisions as well as the PSC's decisions, including by issuing instructions at the strategic level as required to the Head of Mission and providing him with advice and technical support.
4. The Civilian Operation Commander shall report to the Council through the HR.
5. All seconded staff shall remain under the full command of the national authorities of the seconding State in accordance with national rules, of the Union institution concerned or of the European External Action Service (EEAS). Those authorities shall transfer Operational Control (OPCON) of their personnel, teams and units to the Civilian Operation Commander.
6. The Civilian Operation Commander shall have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Union's duty of care is properly discharged.
7. The Civilian Operation Commander and the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East peace process shall consult each other as required.

*Article 6***Head of Mission**

1. The Head of Mission shall assume responsibility for, and exercise command and control of the Mission at theatre level and shall be directly responsible to the Civilian Operation Commander.
2. The Head of Mission shall be the representative of the Mission. The Head of Mission may delegate management tasks in staff and financial matters to staff members of the Mission, under his/her overall responsibility.

3. The Head of Mission shall exercise command and control over personnel, teams and units from contributing States as assigned by the Civilian Operation Commander together with administrative and logistic responsibility including over assets, resources and information put at the disposal of the Mission.

4. The Head of Mission shall issue instructions to all Mission staff, for the effective conduct of EUPOL COPPS in theatre, assuming its coordination and day-to-day management, following the instructions at the strategic level of the Civilian Operation Commander.

5. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for disciplinary control over the staff. For seconded staff, disciplinary powers shall be exercised by the national authorities, by the Union institution concerned or by the EEAS.

6. The Head of Mission shall represent EUPOL COPPS in the operations area and shall ensure appropriate visibility of the Mission.

7. The Head of Mission shall coordinate, as appropriate, with other Union actors on the ground. The Head of Mission shall, without prejudice to the chain of command, receive local political guidance from the EUSR for the Middle East peace process in consultation with the relevant Heads of Union Delegations.

*Article 7***EUPOL COPPS Staff**

1. The numbers and competence of EUPOL COPPS staff shall be consistent with the mission statement set out in Article 2 and the structure set out in Article 4.
2. EUPOL COPPS staff shall consist primarily of staff seconded by Member States, Union institutions or the EEAS. Each Member State, Union institution or the EEAS shall bear the costs related to any of the staff seconded by it, including salaries, medical coverage, travel expenses to and from the Mission area, and allowances other than applicable daily allowances, as well as hardship and risk allowances.
3. EUPOL COPPS may also recruit international or local staff on a contractual basis, if the functions required are not provided by personnel seconded by Member States, Union institutions or the EEAS.

4. The conditions of employment and the rights and obligations of international and local staff shall be laid down in contracts to be concluded between EUPOL COPPS and the staff member concerned.

5. Third States may also, as appropriate, second Mission staff. Each seconding third State shall bear the costs related to any of the staff seconded by it, including salaries, medical coverage, allowances, high-risk insurance and travel expenses to and from the Mission area.

*Article 8***Status of EUPOL COPPS staff**

1. Where required, the status of EUPOL COPPS staff, including, where appropriate, the privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the completion and smooth functioning of EUPOL COPPS shall be the subject of an agreement concluded pursuant to Article 37 TEU and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

2. The Member State, Union institution or the EEAS having seconded a staff member shall be responsible for answering any claims, from or concerning the staff member, linked to the secondment. The Member State, Union institution in question or the EEAS shall be responsible for bringing any action against the seconded person.

*Article 9***Political control and strategic direction**

1. The PSC shall exercise, under the responsibility of the Council and the HR, political control and strategic direction of the Mission. The Council hereby authorises the PSC to take the relevant decisions for this purpose in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 38 TEU. This authorisation shall include the powers to appoint a Head of Mission, upon proposal of the HR, and to amend the CONOPS and the OPLAN. It shall also include powers to take subsequent decisions regarding the appointment of the Head of Mission. The powers of decision with respect to the objectives and termination of the Mission shall remain vested in the Council.

2. The PSC shall report to the Council at regular intervals.

3. The PSC shall receive on a regular basis and as required reports by the Civilian Operation Commander and the Head of Mission on issues within their areas of responsibility.

*Article 10***Participation of third States**

1. Without prejudice to the decision-making autonomy of the Union and its single institutional framework, third States may be invited to contribute to EUPOL COPPS provided that they bear the cost of the staff seconded by them, including salaries, medical coverage, allowances, high-risk insurance and travel expenses to and from the Mission area, and contribute to the running costs of EUPOL COPPS, as appropriate.

2. Third States making contributions to EUPOL COPPS shall have the same rights and obligations in terms of day-to-day management of the Mission as Member States.

3. The Council hereby authorises the PSC to take the relevant decisions on acceptance of the proposed contributions and to establish a Committee of Contributors.

4. Detailed arrangements regarding the participation of third States shall be the subject of an agreement concluded in accordance with Article 37 TEU and additional technical arrangements as necessary. Where the Union and a third State conclude an agreement establishing a framework for the participation of this third State in the Union crisis management operations, the provisions of such an agreement shall apply in the context of EUPOL COPPS.

*Article 11***Security**

1. The Civilian Operation Commander shall, in accordance with Article 5, direct the Head of Mission's planning of security measures, and shall ensure their proper and effective implementation by EUPOL COPPS.

2. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for the security of EUPOL COPPS and for ensuring compliance with minimum security requirements applicable to EUPOL COPPS, in line with the policy of the Union on the security of personnel deployed outside the Union in an operational capacity under Title V TEU and its supporting instruments.

3. The Head of Mission shall be assisted by a Senior Mission Security Officer (SMSO), who shall report to the Head of Mission and also maintain a close functional relationship with the EEAS.

4. EUPOL COPPS staff shall undergo mandatory security training before taking up their duties, in accordance with the OPLAN. They shall also receive regular in-theatre refresher training organised by the SMSO.

5. The Head of Mission shall ensure the protection of EU classified information in accordance with Council Decision 2011/292/EU of 31 March 2011 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information ⁽¹⁾.

*Article 12***Financial arrangements**

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUPOL COPPS for the period from 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2014 shall be EUR 9 570 000.

2. All expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

3. Nationals of participating third States and of neighbouring countries shall be allowed to tender for contracts. Subject to the Commission's approval, the Head of Mission may conclude technical arrangements with Member States, participating third States, and other international actors regarding the provision of equipment, services and premises to EUPOL COPPS.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 17.

4. EUPOL COPPS shall be responsible for the implementation of the Mission's budget. For this purpose, EUPOL COPPS shall sign a contract with the Commission.

5. EUPOL COPPS shall be responsible for any claims and obligations arising from the implementation of the mandate starting from 1 July 2013, with the exception of any claims relating to serious misconduct by the Head of Mission, for which he/she shall bear responsibility.

6. The financial arrangements shall respect the operational requirements of EUPOL COPPS, including compatibility of equipment and interoperability of its teams.

7. Expenditure shall be eligible as of the date of entry into force of this Decision.

Article 13

Release of information

1. The HR shall be authorised to release to the third States associated with this Decision, as appropriate and in accordance with the operational needs of the Mission, EU classified information and documents up to the level 'RESTREINT UE' generated for the purposes of the Mission, in accordance with Decision 2011/292/EU.

2. In the event of a specific and immediate operational need, the HR shall also be authorised to release to the local authorities any EU classified information and documents up to the level 'RESTREINT UE' generated for the purposes of the Mission, in accordance with Decision 2011/292/EU. Arrangements between the HR and the competent local authorities shall be drawn up for this purpose

3. The HR shall be authorised to release to the third States associated with this Decision and to the local authorities any EU

non-classified documents connected with the deliberations of the Council relating to EUPOL COPPS and covered by the obligation of professional secrecy pursuant to Article 6(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure⁽¹⁾.

4. The HR may delegate the powers referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, as well as the ability to conclude the arrangements referred to in paragraph 2 to persons placed under the HR's authority, to the Civilian Operation Commander and/or to the Head of Mission.

Article 14

Watch-keeping

The Watch-Keeping Capability shall be activated for EUPOL COPPS.

Article 15

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

It shall expire on 30 June 2014.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

L. LINKEVIČIUS

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

COUNCIL DECISION 2013/355/CFSP

of 3 July 2013

amending and extending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28, Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 November 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) On 25 June 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/332/CFSP ⁽²⁾ amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP and extending it until 30 June 2013.
- (3) On 7 June 2013, the Political and Security Committee recommended to extend the European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) for an additional period of 12 months until 30 June 2014.
- (4) EU BAM Rafah should be further extended from 1 July 2013 until 30 June 2014 on the basis of the current mandate.
- (5) EU BAM Rafah will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Article 5 is amended as follows:

- (a) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘1a. The Head of Mission shall be the representative of the Mission. The Head of Mission may delegate management tasks in staff and financial matters to staff members of the Mission, under his/her overall responsibility.’;

- (b) paragraph 4 is deleted;

- (2) Article 8(3) is replaced by the following:

‘3. The conditions of employment and the rights and obligations of international and local staff shall be laid down in the contracts to be concluded between EU BAM Rafah and the staff member concerned.’;

- (3) the following Article is inserted:

*‘Article 12a***Legal arrangements**

EU BAM Rafah shall have the capacity to procure services and supplies, to enter into contracts and administrative arrangements, to employ staff, to hold bank accounts, to acquire and dispose of assets and to discharge its liabilities, and to be a party to legal proceedings, as required in order to implement this Joint Action.’;

- (4) Article 13 is replaced by the following:

*‘Article 13***Financial arrangements**

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 25 November 2005 to 31 December 2011 shall be EUR 21 570 000.

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 shall be EUR 970 000.

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 shall be EUR 980 000.

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 shall be EUR 940 000.

2. All expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the general budget of the Union. Nationals of third States contributing financially to the Mission, host parties and, if required for the operational needs of the Mission, of neighbouring countries shall be allowed to tender for contracts.

3. EU BAM Rafah shall be responsible for the implementation of the Mission's budget. For that purpose, the Mission shall sign an agreement with the Commission.

4. EU BAM Rafah shall be responsible for any claims and obligations arising from the implementation of the mandate starting from 1 July 2013, with the exception of any claims relating to serious misconduct by the Head of Mission, for which he/she shall bear the responsibility.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 165, 26.6.2012, p. 71.

5. The financial arrangements shall respect the chain of command as provided for in Articles 4, 4a and 5 and the operational requirements of EU BAM Rafah, including compatibility of equipment and interoperability of its teams.

6. Expenditure shall be eligible as of the date of entry into force of this Joint Action.;

(5) in Article 16, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2014.;

(6) Article 17 is deleted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of adoption.

It shall apply from 1 July 2013.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 2013.

For the Council

The President

L. LINKEVIČIUS

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