

(Acts adopted under Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

## COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/530/CFSP

of 28 June 2004

### extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the African Great Lakes Region and amending Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP<sup>(1)</sup> amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for the African Great Lakes Region.
- (2) On the basis of a review of that Joint Action, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended and amended.
- (3) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.
- (4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

#### Article 1

The mandate of Mr Aldo AJELLO as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the African Great Lakes Region as set out in Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

#### Article 2

Joint Action 2003/869/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3 is replaced by the following:

#### 'Article 3

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

- (a) establish and maintain close contact with all the parties to the peace and transition process in the African Great

Lakes Region, other countries of the region, the United States of America, other relevant countries, as well as the United Nations (UN) and other relevant international organisations, the African Union (AU) and subregional organisations and their representatives as well as other prominent regional leaders in order to work with them in strengthening the peace processes of Lusaka and Arusha and the peace agreements concluded in Pretoria and Luanda;

- (b) observe the peace negotiations and the peace and transition process between the parties and offer the European Union's advice and good offices as appropriate;
- (c) contribute, where requested, to the implementation of peace and cease fire agreements reached between the parties and engage with them diplomatically in the event of non-compliance with the terms of these agreements;
- (d) engage constructively with signatories to agreements within the framework of the peace processes in order to promote compliance with the basic norms of democracy and good governance, including respect for human rights and the rule of law;
- (e) contribute to the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Children and Armed Conflict;
- (f) contribute to and cooperate with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN for the Great Lakes Region and the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the AU on the preparation of a conference on peace, security, democracy and development in the Great Lakes Region;
- (g) report on the possibilities for European Union intervention in the peace and transition process and on the best way of pursuing European Union initiatives;
- (h) monitor actions by the parties to the conflicts, which might prejudice the outcome of the ongoing peace processes;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 37.

- (i) contribute to a better understanding of the European Union's role among opinion leaders in the region.'

*Article 3*

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

2. In Article 5:

*Article 4*

- (a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

'1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 580 000.'

- (b) the following paragraph is added:

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

'5. The equipment and supplies for the Brussels office of the EUSR for the African Great Lakes Region shall be purchased or rented on behalf of and for the European Union.'

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. CULLEN

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