

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

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2006/913/CFSP

of 7 December 2006

amending and extending Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Kinshasa (DRC) regarding the Integrated Police Unit (EUPOL 'Kinshasa')

Extension into 2007

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular Article 14 and Article 25, third subparagraph, thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 9 December 2004, the Council adopted Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Kinshasa (DRC) regarding the Integrated Police Unit (EUPOL 'Kinshasa')⁽¹⁾.
- (2) By Joint Action 2005/822/CFSP of 21 November 2005⁽²⁾, the Council amended and extended the mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' for a first phase until 30 April 2006. By Joint Action 2006/300/CFSP of 21 April 2006, the Council amended and extended the mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' until 31 December 2006⁽³⁾, which notably provided for a temporary reinforcement of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' during the electoral process in the DRC.
- (3) On 30 November 2006, the Council adopted Joint Action 2006/868/CFSP, which extended the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' until 31 December 2006.
- (4) The overall mandate of EUPOL 'Kinshasa' should be adapted and extended for a further period of six months, and the temporary reinforcement should be extended for a further period of three months.

- (5) This Joint Action should be revised, if necessary, once the Council has decided on future EU actions in the field of Security Sector Reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Joint Action 2004/847/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1(3) shall be replaced by the following:

'3. EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall be temporarily reinforced during the electoral process and in the immediate period thereafter in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 3. This reinforcement shall end on 31 March 2007 at the latest.'

2. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 3

Mission Statement

The European Union shall conduct a police mission in Kinshasa (DRC) in order to monitor, mentor and advise the setting up and the initial running of the IPU in order to ensure that the IPU acts following the training received in the Academy Centre and according to international best practices in this field. These actions shall be focused on the IPU chain of command to enhance the management capability of the IPU and to monitor, mentor and advise the operational Units in the execution of its tasks.

EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall continue to monitor, mentor and advise on the development of the IPU, and shall help ensure the proper integration of the IPU in the National Congolese Police (PNC). EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall also strengthen its advising capacity to the Congolese police with a view to facilitating the Security Sector Reform process in the DRC together with EUSEC RD CONGO.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 367, 14.12.2004, p. 30. Joint Action as last amended by Joint Action 2006/868/CFSP (OJ L 335, 1.12.2006, p. 50).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 305, 24.11.2005, p. 44.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 111, 25.4.2006, p. 12.

For the purposes of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL "Kinshasa" during the electoral process, EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall establish, as an integral part of EUPOL "Kinshasa" and under the overall security framework for the elections, a police coordination support element in order to ensure an enhanced and coordinated response of the PNC crowd control units in Kinshasa, in case of disturbances during the electoral period, with particular focus on the election of the of the DRC president. The area of responsibility shall be limited to Kinshasa. The police coordination support element, as part of EUPOL "Kinshasa", shall not have executive powers.

For the purpose of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL "Kinshasa" during the electoral process, EUPOL "Kinshasa" shall be authorised to use dedicated bilateral financial contributions in order to procure additional equipment for PNC crowd control units in Kinshasa.'

3. Article 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 4

Structure of the Mission

The Mission will be composed of a Headquarter (HQ) and police monitors. The HQ will consist of the office of the Head of the Mission and an administration support branch. All IPU monitors, mentors and advisors, as well as the trainers, will be co-located in the IPU operational base.

For the purposes of the temporary reinforcement of EUPOL "Kinshasa" during the electoral process, EUPOL "Kinshasa"

will include a dedicated coordination element in charge of the specific tasks assigned to the mission during this period'.

4. In Article 14 subparagraph two shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2007'.

Article 2

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mission for the period from 1 January 2007 until 30 June 2007 shall be a maximum amount of EUR 2 075 000.

Article 3

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

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 7 December 2006.

For the Council

The President

E. TUOMIOJA
