

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2006/867/CFSP**of 30 November 2006****extending and amending the mandate of the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Article 2

Joint Action 2002/921/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 November 2002, the Council adopted Joint Action 2002/921/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Monitoring Mission ⁽¹⁾ ('the EUMM').
- (2) On 21 November 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/807/CFSP ⁽²⁾ extending the mandate of the EUMM until 31 December 2006.
- (3) The EUMM should continue its activities in the Western Balkans in the support of the European Union's policy towards that region, with the principal focus on political and security developments in Kosovo and Serbia, and neighbouring areas that might be affected by any adverse developments in Kosovo.
- (4) The EUMM presence in Albania should end by the end of 2006.
- (5) The presence of the EUMM in Montenegro should be reduced to 2 monitors by the end of 2006 and its presence in Montenegro should end by mid 2007.
- (6) The entire EUMM should close down by the end of 2007, and the Council Secretariat should present a full report on the implementation of the EUMM exit strategy by mid 2007.
- (7) The mandate of the EUMM should therefore be extended and amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

The mandate of the EUMM, as set out in Joint Action 2002/921/CFSP, is hereby extended until 31 December 2007.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 321, 26.11.2002, p. 51.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 303, 22.11.2005, p. 61.

1. Article 2(2)(a) shall be replaced by the following:

'(a) monitor political and security developments in the area of its responsibility, with a particular focus on Kosovo and Serbia, and neighbouring regions that might be affected by any adverse developments in Kosovo;'

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

'3. The Secretary-General/High Representative shall ensure that the EUMM functions flexibly and in a streamlined manner. In that context, he shall regularly re-examine the functions and the geographical territory covered by the EUMM so as to continue to adapt the internal organisation of the EUMM to the priorities of the Union in the Western Balkans. The Commission shall be fully associated. In view of the agreed closure of the entire EUMM by the end of 2007, a full report on the implementation of the EUMM exit strategy shall be presented by mid 2007.'

3. The second paragraph of Article 8 shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall apply until 31 December 2007.'

Article 3

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUMM between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007 shall be EUR 2 318 000. This amount shall also cover expenditure relating to the closing-down of the EUMM.

Article 4

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

Article 5

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

Done at Brussels, 30 November 2006.

For the Council
The President
L. HYSSÄLÄ
