

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

COUNCIL DECISION 2005/495/CFSP

of 13 June 2005

concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine establishing a framework for the participation of Ukraine in the European Union crisis management operations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Presidency,

Whereas:

- (1) Conditions regarding the participation of third States in EU crisis management operations should be laid down in an Agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than defining these conditions on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned.
- (2) Following authorisation by the Council on 23 February 2004, the Presidency, assisted by the Secretary-General/High Representative, negotiated an Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine establishing a framework for the participation of Ukraine in the European Union crisis management operations.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine establishing a framework for the participation of Ukraine in

the European Union crisis management operations is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Article 4

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

Done at Luxembourg, 13 June 2005.

For the Council

The President

J. ASSELBORN