

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

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2005/776/CFSP

of 7 November 2005

amending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Moldova

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

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

Article 1

Joint Action 2005/265/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

Whereas:

(1) On 23 March 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/265/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Adriaan JACOBOVITS de SZEGED as European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Moldova.

(a) the following point shall be added to Article 2(1):

'(g) to enhance the effectiveness of border and customs controls and border surveillance activities in Moldova and Ukraine along their common border, with a particular focus on the Transnistrian section, notably through an EU Border Mission.');

(2) On 28 July 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/584/CFSP ⁽²⁾ extending the mandate of the EUSR until 28 February 2006.

(b) the following point shall be added to Article 3(1):

'(e) through a support team led by a Senior Political Adviser to the EUSR:

(3) On 2 June 2005, President Voronin of Moldova and President Yuschenko of Ukraine sent a joint letter, *inter alia* requesting the European Union to examine the possibilities for offering assistance in establishing an international customs control on the Transnistrian segment of the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border, as well as for creating an effective international monitoring mechanism on this segment of the border.

(i) assure political overview of developments and activities related to the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border;

(ii) analyse the political commitment of Moldova and Ukraine to improving border management;

(4) On 20 September 2005, the Political and Security Committee agreed to the establishment of an EU Border Mission for Moldova-Ukraine including through the reinforcement of the team of the EUSR for Moldova.

(iii) promote cooperation on border issues between the Moldovan and Ukrainian sides, also in view of building preconditions for a settlement to the Transnistrian conflict.');

(5) Given the new tasks of the EUSR for Moldova in relation to the EU Border Mission for Moldova-Ukraine, his mandate should be amended accordingly,

(c) in Article 5, paragraph 1 shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate shall be EUR 430 000.');

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 81, 30.3.2005, p. 50.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 199, 29.7.2005, p. 95.

- (d) in Article 8, the single paragraph shall be numbered 1 and a new paragraph shall be added as follows:

'2. The Council and the Commission shall, each within their respective powers, ensure consistency between the implementation of this Joint Action and external activities of the Community in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 3 of the Treaty. The Council and the Commission shall cooperate to this end.';

- (e) the second paragraph of Article 10 shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall apply until 28 February 2006.'.

Article 2

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 December 2005.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 7 November 2005.

For the Council

The President

J. STRAW
