

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

**COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2006/998/CFSP**

**of 21 December 2006**

**amending Joint Action 2001/555/CFSP  
on the establishment of a European Union Satellite Centre**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 July 2001 the Council adopted Joint Action 2001/555/CFSP on the establishment of a European Union Satellite Centre<sup>1</sup>.
- (2) On 28 July 2006 the Secretary-General/High Representative, pursuant to Article 22 of that Joint Action presented a report on the implementation of the Joint Action with a view to its possible review.
- (3) On 22 September 2006 the Political and Security Committee (PSC), in its role of exercising political supervision over the activities of the Centre, noted that report and recommended that the Council amend the Joint Action as appropriate in the light of the report.
- (4) Therefore Joint Action 2001/555/CFSP should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 200, 25.7.2001, p. 5.

*Article 1*

Joint Action 2001/555/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) Article 2 shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 2

Mission

1. The Centre shall, in coherence with the European Security Strategy<sup>1</sup>, support the decision-making of the European Union in the field of the CFSP, in particular of the ESDP, including European Union crisis management operations, by providing, as appropriate, products resulting from the analysis of satellite imagery and collateral data, including aerial imagery, and related services, in accordance with Articles 3 and 4.
2. In the framework of this mission, the Secretary-General/High Representative, will, upon a corresponding request and if the capacity of the Centre so allows, direct the Centre to provide products or services to:
  - (i) a Member State or the Commission;
  - (ii) third states having agreed to the provisions set out in the Annex on the association with the Centre's activities;

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<sup>1</sup> A Secure Europe in a Better World – the European Security Strategy, approved by the European Council, Brussels, 12 December 2003.

(iii) if the request is relevant in the field of the CFSP, in particular of the ESDP, international organisations such as the United Nations (UN), the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).";

2) Article 8(2) shall be replaced by the following:

"2. The Director shall appoint the Deputy Director of the Centre after approval by the Board. The Deputy Director shall be appointed for three years, with the possible extension of one three-year term. The Director shall be responsible for recruiting all other staff of the Centre.";

3) Article 11 shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 11

Work programme

1. The Director shall establish by 30 September each year a draft work programme for the following year accompanied by a draft long-term work programme containing indicative perspectives for two additional years, and shall submit it to the Board.
2. The Board shall approve the annual and long-term work programme by 30 November of each year.";

4) Article 12(3) shall be replaced by the following:

"3. The income of the Centre shall consist of contributions from the Member States except Denmark according to the gross national income (GNI) scale, payments made in remuneration for services rendered and miscellaneous income.";

5) Article 12(4) shall be replaced by the following:

"4. Task requests made in accordance with Articles 2(2), (3) and (4) may be subject to cost recovery charges pursuant to the guidelines laid down in the Centre's Financial Rules referred to in Article 15.";

6) Article 13 shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 13

#### Budgetary procedure

1. The Director shall submit to the Board by 30 September each year an annual draft budget for the Centre covering administrative expenditure, operational expenditure and expected income for the following financial year as well as long-term indicative estimates on expenditure and income in view of the draft long-term work programme.
2. The Board shall adopt the annual budget of the Centre by unanimity of the representatives of Member States by 30 November of each year.

3. In the case of unavoidable, exceptional or unforeseen circumstances, the Director may propose a draft amending budget to the Board. The Board, with due regard to the urgency, shall adopt the amending budget by unanimity of the representatives of Member States.";

7) Article 17 shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 17

Secondment

1. In agreement with the Director, experts from Member States and officials from European Union institutions or agencies may be seconded to the Centre for a fixed period either to posts within the Centre's organisational structure and/or for specific tasks and projects.
2. In the event of a crisis, the Centre may be reinforced by specialist staff, seconded by the Member States, the Commission or the General Secretariat of the Council. The need for, and the length of, such secondments shall be determined by the Secretary-General/High Representative in consultation with the Director of the Centre.
3. The provisions relating to secondment shall be adopted by the Board on a proposal from the Director.

4. Staff members may be seconded for a fixed period in the interest of the service to a post outside the Centre, in accordance with the provisions relating to the staff of the Centre.";

8) The following Article shall be inserted:

"Article 20a

Association of the Commission

The Commission shall be fully associated with the work of the Centre. The Centre shall establish the necessary administrative arrangements and working relations with the Commission, with a view to maximising synergies and avoiding unnecessary duplication by exchanging expertise and advice in those areas where the activities of the Community have a bearing on the Centre's mission and where the activities of the Centre are relevant to those of the Community.";

9) Article 22 shall be replaced by the following:

"Article 22

Reporting

By 31 July 2011, the Secretary-General/High Representative shall present a report to the Council on the functioning of the Centre accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate recommendations with a view to its further development.";

- 10) Articles 1(3), the second sentence of Article 9(1) and Articles 12(5) and 23(1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) shall be deleted.

*Article 2*

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

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 21 December 2006.

*For the Council*

*The President*

J. KORKEAOJA

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