

**COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2003/448/CFSP
of 16 June 2003**

extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Joint Action 2002/961/CFSP of 10 December 2002 amending and extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan ⁽¹⁾ applies until 30 June 2003.
- (2) On the basis of a review of that Joint Action, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.
- (3) On 30 March 2000 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointing procedure and administrative arrangements for European Union Special Representatives (EUSRs),

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Francesc VENDRELL as the European Union Special Representative in Afghanistan as set out in Joint Action 2002/961/CFSP is hereby extended until 31 December 2003.

Article 2

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2003.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, 16 June 2003.

For the Council
The President
G. PAPANDREOU

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 334, 11.12.2002, p. 3.