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(Acts adopted under the EU Treaty)

ACTS ADOPTED UNDER TITLE V OF THE EU TREATY

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2008/391/CFSP

of 26 May 2008

amending Joint Action 2008/131/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Afghanistan

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 18 February 2008 the Council adopted Joint Action 2008/131/CFSP [1] extending the mandate of Mr Francesc Vendrell as the Special Representative of the European Union for Afghanistan until 31 May 2008.

(2) Mr Francesc Vendrell has informed the Secretary-General/High Representative that he is available to serve as European Union Special Representative (EUSR) until 30 June 2008. His mandate as EUSR should be further extended until that date. The Council intends to appoint a new EUSR for the following period until 28 February 2009.

(3) The financial reference amount provided for in Joint Action 2008/131/CFSP to cover the expenditure relating to the mandate of the EUSR until 31 May 2008 should also cover the period of its further extension until 30 June 2008,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Joint Action 2008/131/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 shall be replaced by the following:

   'Article 1

   European Union Special Representative

   The mandate of Mr Francesc Vendrell as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Afghanistan is hereby extended until 30 June 2008.'.

2. Article 5(1) shall be replaced by the following:

   '1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure relating to the mandate of the EUSR in the period from 1 March 2008 to 30 June 2008 shall be EUR 975 000.'.

Article 2

Entry into force

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

Article 3

Publication

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

Done at Brussels, 26 May 2008.

For the Council

The President

D. RUPEL

[1] OJ L 43, 19.2.2008, p. 26.