

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/352**of 25 February 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/905 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 33 and Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2011, the Council adopted Decision 2011/819/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Alexander RONDOS as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Horn of Africa.
- (2) The mandate of Mr Alexander RONDOS as the EUSR for the Horn of Africa has been successively renewed, most recently by Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/905 ⁽²⁾, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1014 ⁽³⁾. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 28 February 2021.
- (3) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of four months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 should be established.
- (4) The EUSR will implement the mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2018/905 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The mandate of Mr Alexander RONDOS as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Horn of Africa is extended until 30 June 2021. The Council may decide that the EUSR's mandate be terminated earlier, based on an assessment of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).’;

- (2) in Article 5(1), the following subparagraph is added:

‘The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate for the period from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 shall be EUR 345 000.’;

- (3) in Article 14, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘The final comprehensive mandate implementation report of the EUSR shall be presented by 30 April 2021.’.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2011/819/CFSP of 8 December 2011 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (OJ L 327, 9.12.2011, p. 62).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/905 of 25 June 2018 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (OJ L 161, 26.6.2018, p. 16).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1014 of 13 July 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/905 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa (OJ L 225 I, 14.7.2020, p. 1).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2021.

For the Council
The President
A. P. ZACARIAS
