

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2007/359/CFSP**of 23 May 2007****amending and extending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 25 November 2005 the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) ⁽¹⁾ for a period of 12 months.
- (2) On 13 November 2006 the Council adopted Joint Action 2006/773/CFSP, amending and extending the mandate of the mission until 24 May 2007.
- (3) On 15 and 16 May 2007, both Palestinian and Israeli parties requested the extension of the Mission for 12 months.
- (4) On 21 May 2007, the Political and Security Committee welcomed the request for the extension of EU BAM Rafah, and recommended the extension of the Mission's mandate for 12 months.
- (5) Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following subparagraph shall be added to Article 13(1):

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mission for the period from 25 May 2007 until 24 May 2008 shall be EUR 7 000 000.'

2. The second subparagraph of Article 16 shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 24 May 2008.'

3. Article 17 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 17

This Joint Action shall be reviewed by 31 March 2008 at the latest.'

Article 2

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

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 23 May 2007.

*For the Council**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28. Joint Action as amended by Joint Action 2006/773/CFSP (OJ L 313, 14.11.2006, p. 15).