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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION 2011/133/CFSP

of 21 February 2011

on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro establishing a framework for the participation of Montenegro in European Union crisis management operations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, in particular Article 37 thereof, and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Article 218(5) and (6) thereof,

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy ('HR'),

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Union.

Whereas:

- (1) Conditions regarding the participation of third States in European Union crisis management operations should be laid down in an agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than defining those conditions on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned.

Article 3

The Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis as from the date of signature thereof, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion ⁽¹⁾.

- (2) Following the adoption of a Decision by the Council on 26 April 2010 authorising the opening of negotiations, the HR negotiated an agreement between the European Union and Montenegro establishing a framework for the participation of Montenegro in European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement').

Article 4

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 16(1) of the Agreement.

- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

Article 5

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Done at Brussels, 21 February 2011.

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and Montenegro establishing a framework for the participation of Montenegro in

For the Council
The President
C. ASHTON

⁽¹⁾ The date of signature of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.