

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/284**of 22 February 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/346 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights**

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 28 February 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/346⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Eamon GILMORE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 28 February 2021.
- (2) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of 24 months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2023 should be established.
- (3) 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) 2019/346 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1**European Union Special Representative**

The mandate of Mr Eamon GILMORE as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights is extended until 28 February 2023. 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 28 February 2023 shall be EUR 2 690 000,00;'

- (3) in Article 12, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The EUSR shall present the Council, the HR and the Commission with regular progress reports and a final comprehensive mandate implementation report by 30 November 2022.'

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/346 of 28 February 2019 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights (OJ L 62, 1.3.2019, p. 12).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 22 February 2021.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES
