

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1237**of 18 July 2022****amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/907 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 7 July 2003, the Council agreed to appoint a European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the South Caucasus.
- (2) On 13 November 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/2071 ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Toivo KLAAR as the EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia. The EUSR's mandate has been successively extended, most recently by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/251 ⁽²⁾ and is to expire on 31 August 2022.
- (3) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of twelve months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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) 2018/907 is amended as follows:

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

'Article 1

European Union Special Representative

The mandate of Mr Toivo KLAAR as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (South Caucasus) is extended until 31 August 2023. The Council may decide that the mandate of the EUSR be terminated earlier, based on an assessment by 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 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 shall be EUR 2 912 000.';

- (3) in Article 14, first paragraph, 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 31 May 2023.'.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2071 of 13 November 2017 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (OJ L 295, 14.11.2017, p. 55).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/251 of 21 February 2022 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/907 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia (OJ L 41, 22.2.2022, p. 31).

*Article 2***Entry into force**

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

Done at Brussels, 18 July 2022.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES
