

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1240**of 18 July 2022****amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues**

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 2 April 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues. The EUSR's mandate has been extended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/470 ⁽²⁾ and is to expire on 31 August 2022.
- (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 September 2022 to 31 August 2024 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) 2020/489 is amended as follows:

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

'Article 1

European Union Special Representative

The mandate of Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues is extended until 31 August 2024. 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 2024 shall be EUR 3 970 000.';

- (3) in Article 13, 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 2024.'

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 of 2 April 2020 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 105, 3.4.2020, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/470 of 18 March 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 96, 19.3.2021, p. 13).

Article 2

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
