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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2190

of 28 September 2026

amending 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 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 25 November 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP [1] establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah).

(2) On 30 April 2025, in the context of the coordinated Strategic Review of EU BAM Rafah and of the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS), the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed that the mandate of both missions should be extended until 30 June 2027.

(3) In its conclusions of 19 March 2026, the European Council reaffirmed, inter alia, the European Union's commitment to international law and a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the two-state solution. The Union reiterated its readiness to work on the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2803, calling for the full implementation by all parties of the ceasefire and all other provisions of UNSCR 2803, in line with relevant UNSCRs and international political and legal principles.

(4) On 29 June 2026, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2026/1467 [2], which extended EU BAM Rafah by three months until 30 September 2026.

(5) Taking into account information provided by Israel and by the Palestinian Authority, EU BAM Rafah should be extended by nine months.

(6) Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.

(7) EU BAM Rafah will be conducted 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

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

(1) in Article 13(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 October 2026 until 30 June 2027 shall be EUR 10 282 125,00.';

[1] Council Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP of 25 November 2005 on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/joint_action/2005/889/oj).

[2] Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1467 of 29 June 2026 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L, 2026/1467, 30.6.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2026/1467/oj).

(2) in Article 16, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2027.'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2026.

Done at Brussels, 28 September 2026.

For the Council

The President

M. HEYDON