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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2285

of 12 October 2026

**amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of
Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq)**

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 16 October 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 ⁽¹⁾ establishing a European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq).
- (2) On 29 April 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1247 ⁽²⁾ amending the mandate of EUAM Iraq and extending it until 30 April 2026.
- (3) On 21 April 2026, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2026/902 ⁽³⁾ extending the mandate of EUAM Iraq for six months until 31 October 2026.
- (4) In the context of the strategic review of EUAM Iraq, the Political and Security Committee agreed on 10 June 2026 that the mandate of EUAM Iraq should be amended and extended until 31 October 2028.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 should be amended accordingly.
- (6) EUAM Iraq 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 on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 2 is replaced by the following:

'Article 2

Objectives

The strategic objective of EUAM Iraq shall be:

- (1) to support the implementation of the National Security Strategy (NSS) by providing targeted strategic advice and assistance to the relevant Iraqi authorities, including the Minister of Interior and the National Security Adviser. In this context, EUAM Iraq shall support its relevant Iraqi counterparts in addressing organised crime, terrorism, and violent extremism, as part of implementing the NSS in accordance with the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and international obligations;

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 of 16 October 2017 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq) (OJ L 266, 17.10.2017, p. 12, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/1869/oj>).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1247 of 29 April 2024 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq) (OJ L, 2024/1247, 30.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1247/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/902 of 21 April 2026 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 on the European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq) (OJ L, 2026/902, 22.4.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2026/902/oj>).

(2) to contribute to enhancing coordination between the Iraqi authorities, the Member States, the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, and international partners, to contribute to the coherence, coordination and complementarity of Union action and of the actions of the Member States, as well as to the coordination of the activities of international partners in support of Iraq's security sector reform. To that end, EUAM Iraq may, where appropriate, further develop as a platform to facilitate the provision of support to Iraq by the Member States and by Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, and shall identify viable options for the possible progressive transfer of the Mission's tasks to other institutional actors.;

(2) in Article 5, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

'1. The Managing Director of the Civilian Operations Headquarters (CivOpsHQ) shall be the Civilian Operation Commander for EUAM Iraq. The CivOpsHQ shall be at the disposal of the Civilian Operation Commander for the planning and conduct of EUAM Iraq.;

(3) Article 6 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is deleted;

(b) the following paragraph is inserted:

'3a. The Head of Mission shall issue instructions for the effective conduct of EUAM Iraq in theatre, assuming its coordination and day-to-day management, following the instructions of the Civilian Operation Commander.;

(4) Article 9(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The PSC shall exercise, under the responsibility of the Council and the HR, political control and strategic direction of EUAM Iraq. The Council hereby authorises the PSC to take the relevant decisions for this purpose in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 38 TEU. This authorisation shall include the power to appoint a Head of Mission, upon a proposal from the HR, and the power to amend the Operation Plan (OPLAN). The powers of decision with respect to the objectives and termination of EUAM Iraq shall remain vested in the Council. The decisions of the PSC regarding the appointment of the Head of Mission shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.;

(5) in Article 11, paragraphs 2 to 4 are replaced by the following:

'2. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for the discharge of the duty of care in EUAM Iraq and for ensuring compliance with the requirements applicable to EUAM Iraq, in line with the Security and Duty of Care Policy for Civilian CSDP Missions, and its supporting instruments.

3. The Head of Mission shall be assisted by a Head of Security and Health, who shall report to the Head of Mission and also maintain a close functional relationship with the CivOpsHQ.

4. The EUAM personnel shall undergo mandatory security training before taking up their duties, in accordance with the OPLAN. They shall also receive regular in-theatre refresher training organised by the Head of Security and Health.;

(6) in Article 14(1), the following subparagraph is inserted as the penultimate subparagraph:

'The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure related to EUAM Iraq for the period from 1 November 2026 to 31 October 2028 shall be EUR 63 721 773,49.;

(7) in Article 17, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall apply until 31 October 2028.'

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 12 October 2026.

For the Council

The President

K. KALLAS
