

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2004/533/CFSP**of 28 June 2004****extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union for Afghanistan and amending Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 14, 18(5) and 23(2) thereof,

The mandate of Mr Francesc VENDRELL as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Afghanistan, as set out in Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP is hereby extended until 28 February 2005.

Whereas:

Article 2

Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

(1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP⁽¹⁾ amending and extending until 30 June 2004 the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan.

1. The second indent of Article 3(e) is deleted.

(2) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP, the mandate of the Special Representative should be extended.

2. Article 5(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 794 000.'

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2004.

(3) On 17 November 2003 the Council adopted guidelines on the appointment, mandate and financing for European Union Special Representatives.

*Article 4*This Joint Action shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his/her mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the CFSP as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty on European Union,

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2004.

*For the Council**The President*

M. CULLEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 41.