

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION 2005/585/CFSP**of 28 July 2005****extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Afghanistan**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 December 2003 the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ extending and amending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan.
- (2) On 2 February 2005 the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/95/CFSP ⁽²⁾ extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union until 31 August 2005.
- (3) On the basis of a review of Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP the mandate of the European Union Special Representative should be extended for a further 6 months.
- (4) The European Union Special Representative will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy as set out in Article 11 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Francesc VENDRELL as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Afghanistan is hereby extended until 28 February 2006.

Article 2

Article 5(1) of Joint Action 2003/871/CFSP shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR shall be EUR 620 000.'

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 28 July 2005.

For the Council
The President
J. STRAW

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 326, 13.12.2003, p. 41.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 31, 4.2.2005, p. 69.