

COUNCIL DECISION 2014/538/CFSP**of 8 July 2014****on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Colombia in European Union crisis management operations**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(5) and (6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Conditions regarding the participation of third States in Union crisis management operations should be laid down in an agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than being defined on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned.
- (2) Following the adoption of a Decision by the Council on 17 February 2014 authorising the opening of negotiations, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy negotiated an Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Colombia in European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement').
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia establishing a framework for the participation of the Republic of Colombia in the European Union crisis management operations is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Union.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 17(1) of the Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 8 July 2014.

For the Council

The President

P. C. PADOAN

⁽¹⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.