

**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/2276****of 18 November 2022****amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty of the European Union, and in particular Articles 28(1) and 31(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 2 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (2) Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 provides for a 36-month implementation period for the activities referred to in Article 1 thereof from the date of the conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) thereof.
- (3) The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) requested an extension of the implementation period of Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 by thirteen months, until 23 January 2024, considering the delay in the implementation of project activities under Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine.
- (4) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 until 23 January 2024 can be performed without any consequences as regards financial resources.
- (5) The request for extension should be accepted by amending Article 5(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

In Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009, Article 5, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

- '2. This Decision shall expire on 23 January 2024.'

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 18 November 2022.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2009 of 2 December 2019 in support of Ukraine's efforts to combat illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives, in cooperation with the OSCE (OJ L 312, 3.12.2019, p. 42).