

*(Joint actions adopted by the Council of the European Union)*

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 December 1993

on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning support for the transition towards a democratic and multi-racial South Africa

(93/678/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article J.3 thereof,

Having regard to the general guidelines issued by the European Council on 29 October 1993 which take up as an area for joint action support for the transition towards multi-racial democracy in South Africa through a coordinated programme of assistance in preparing for the elections and monitoring them, and through the creation of an appropriate cooperation framework to consolidate the economic and social foundations of this transition,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

### *Article 1*

The European Union shall implement a coordinated programme of assistance in preparing for the elections taking place in South Africa on 27 April 1994 and monitoring them, on the basis of the following factors:

1. assistance in preparing for the elections will cover the provision of advice, technical assistance and training, continued support for non-partisan voter education, and the provision of a substantial number of European observers as part of an overall international effort coordinated by the United Nations;
2. the establishment at this stage of a 'European Electoral Unit' in South Africa in accordance with the procedures set out in the Annex.

### *Article 2*

The operational expenditure incurred in implementing the coordinated programme referred to in Article 1 shall be charged to the Community budget (special programme).

However the salaries and travel expenses to and from South Africa of those monitoring the elections shall be charged to the Member States which send them.

### *Article 3*

The Council will set in motion an internal debate on setting up an appropriate cooperation framework to consolidate the economic and social foundations of the democratic and multi-racial transition and will examine any proposals that the Commission may make to that end both for the immediate period of transition and for the longer term.

### *Article 4*

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 1993.

*For the Council*

*The President*

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## ANNEX

**Composition, objectives and operation of the European electoral unit**

1. The Electoral unit will further identify and coordinate the support of the European Union for the forthcoming election, as well as its involvement in the monitoring process.
2. The purpose of the electoral unit will be :
  - (i) to consult with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) on the nature and scale of the European Union's support for the election process ; and, in particular, what direct involvement, if any, the European Union should have in the IEC itself or on the International Advisory Committee ; and to consult with the IEC on the proposed guidelines and code of conduct for observers ;
  - (ii) to make available to the IEC advice and, where requested, technical assistance in the planning and running of the electoral process — such assistance might include the support for training of IEC personnel and election officials ;
  - (iii) to consult with the United Nations and the other multilateral organizations on the coordination of the international election observer presence in the country ;
  - (iv) to advise on the number and coordinate the deployment of European Union election observers, through the joint operations room ;
  - (v) to provide assistance, under the authority of the United Nations, for the establishment of a national and regional joint operations room to manage the deployment of international observers ;
  - (vi) to provide support to the associative structures to mobilize and coordinate local non-governmental organizations ;
  - (vii) to advise and, where requested, to provide support for the monitoring of the security forces responsible for the elections process ;
  - (viii) to advise and, where requested, to provide support for the monitoring of the media.
3. The electoral unit will be headed by a high-ranking individual with a high political profile, experienced in electoral matters and with a thorough knowledge of South Africa.
4. In addition to the Head of the electoral unit, the initial staff complement will comprise :
  - (i) a deputy : with good understanding of the political situation in South Africa and first-hand knowledge of the main players ;
  - (ii) a Head of Administration : a skilled administrator who can manage the day-to-day running of the unit ;
  - (iii) experts in the following fields :
    - (a) Elections Adviser ;
    - (b) Legal Adviser ;
    - (c) Voter Education Adviser ;
    - (d) Media Adviser ;
    - (e) Training Adviser ;
    - (f) Conflict Resolution Adviser ;
    - (g) Security Adviser ;
    - (h) Logistics Adviser ;
  - (iv) support staff.
5. The Head of the electoral unit and the other staff should be available throughout the anticipated period of existence of the unit.

The Council requests the Commission to select this staff on the basis of proposals from the Member States.
6. The lifetime of the electoral unit will end one month after the date of elections.
7. The electoral unit will have access to a fund to recruit short-term technical assistance personnel, to support training and to provide emergency assistance.

8. When setting up the electoral unit the largest possible use will be made of the infrastructure of Ecomsa and of its experience. When operational, the electoral unit will cooperate closely with Ecomsa and will continue to draw on its expertise. Ecomsa should provide support where and whenever this serves the electoral unit's tasks.
  9. The Head of the electoral unit will be invited to participate in CFSP meetings of the Heads of Mission in South Africa in a manner to be decided by them.
  10. The electoral unit will enjoy operational independence, based on a delegation of powers, under the control of a contact unit of the Steering Committee type, set up in South Africa. The electoral unit will report to the contact unit which will be made up of the Troika and the Commission.
  11. Another contact unit will be established in Brussels, made up mainly of the Troika and the Commission, but open to the Member States which wish to take part in its proceedings. This contact unit will deal principally with the matters which its opposite number in South Africa is unable to resolve. It will first examine the applications of persons seeking employment (paragraph 3 and paragraph 4 (i), (ii) and (iii) within the framework of the electoral unit).
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