(Acts adopted pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

COMMON POSITION

of 17 December 1996

defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the imposition of an embargo on arms, munitions and military equipment on Afghanistan

(96/746/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article J.2 thereof,

Whereas the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1076 (1996) of 22 October 1996 called upon all States to end immediately the supply of arms and ammunition to all parties to the conflict in Afghanistan,

HAS DEFINED THE FOLLOWING COMMON POSITION:

Article 1

An embargo on the export of arms, munitions and military equipment shall be imposed on Afghanistan [1].

Article 2

The Member States of the European Union will deploy efforts to encourage other countries to adopt a similar policy of restraint.

Article 3

This common position shall be reviewed within six months in the context of a comprehensive reflection on the European Union's relations with Afghanistan.

Article 4

This common position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Article 5

This common position shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1996.

For the Council
The President
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[1] The embargo covers weapons designed to kill and their ammunition, weapons platforms, non-weapons platforms and ancillary equipment as indicated in the EC embargo list of 8 an 9 July 1991. The embargo also covers spare parts, repairs, maintenance and transfer of military technology and contracts entered into prior to the onset of the embargo.