COUNCIL JOINT ACTION

of 25 June 2002

amending and extending Joint Action 2001/875/CFSP concerning the appointment of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan

(2002/496/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 10 December 2001, the Council adopted Joint Action 2001/875/CFSP [1] concerning the appointment of the Special Representative of the European Union in Afghanistan, as last extended by Joint Action 2002/403/CFSP [2] until 30 June 2002.

(2) On 17 June 2002, the Council agreed to nominate Francesc VENDRELL as the next EU Special Representative in Afghanistan for a period of six months.

(3) In accordance with the guidelines on appointing procedure and administrative arrangements of EU Special Representatives adopted by the Council on 30 March 2000, Member States' and the Commission's missions can provide, on request, from their own resources appropriate and reasonable support to the mission of the Special Representative,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Joint Action 2001/875/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

'*Article 1*

Mr Francesc VENDRELL is hereby appointed EU Special Representative in Afghanistan.'

Article 2

Joint Action 2001/875/CFSP is hereby extended until 31 December 2002.

Article 3

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 1 July 2002.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 2002.

For the Council

The President

J. MATAS I PALOU

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[1] OJ L 326, 11.12.2001, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 139, 29.5.2002, p. 6.