COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1194

of 19 July 2021

extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo * and amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1135

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 33 and Article 31(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 30 July 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1135 ([1]) appointing Mr Tomáš SZUNYOG as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Kosovo. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 31 August 2021.

(2) The mandate of the EUSR should be extended for a period of 24 months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023 should be established.

(3) The EUSR will implement the mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Tomáš SZUNYOG as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Kosovo is extended until 31 August 2023. The Council may decide that the mandate of the EUSR be extended or terminated earlier, based on an assessment by the Political and Security Committee and a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2020/1135 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 5(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate for the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2023 shall be EUR 6 600 000.';

(2) in Article 14, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The EUSR shall present the Council, the HR and the Commission with regular progress reports and a final comprehensive mandate implementation report by 31 May 2023.'.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1135 of 30 July 2020 appointing the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo (OJ L 247, 31.7.2020, p. 25).

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 19 July 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. PODGORŠEK