COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/753

of 16 May 2022

amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 in support of a process of confidence-building leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on 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 6 June 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 ([1]).

(2) Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 provided 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 implementing Partner, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, requested a 12-month extension of that implementation period until 10 July 2023, considering the delay in the implementation of project activities under Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(4) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 until 10 July 2023 does not have any implication as regards financial resources until 10 July 2023.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Decision (CFSP) 2019/938, Article 5(2) is replaced by the following:

'2. It shall expire on 10 July 2023.'.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2022.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/938 of 6 June 2019 in support of a process of confidence-building leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East (OJ L 149, 7.6.2019, p. 63).