COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/574

of 7 April 2022

amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery

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 11 May 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 ([1]), providing for a 36-month implementation period from the date of the conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) of that Decision, for the projects referred to in Article 1 thereof.

(2) On 16 June 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/795 ([2]) amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, by extending the implementation period of the Decision until 10 August 2021.

(3) On 21 June 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/1025 ([3]) amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, by extending the implementation period of the Decision until 25 April 2022.

(4) On 15 February 2022, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), which is responsible for the technical implementation of the projects referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/809, requested a further 10-month extension of the implementation period of that Decision. The requested extension would allow UNODA to continue delivering assistance to the United Nations Member States implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) ('UNSCR 1540'), to contribute further to an ongoing comprehensive review, to continue delivering assistance to the Committee of the United Nations Security Council established by UNSCR 1540 until the end of its mandate that has been extended until 30 November 2022, and to mitigate the losses resulting from projects that remain undelivered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(5) The continuation of the projects referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 does not have any implication as regards financial resources until 25 February 2023.

(6) Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 should therefore be amended accordingly,

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 of 11 May 2017 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery (OJ L 121, 12.5.2017, p. 39).

([2]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/795 of 16 June 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery (OJ L 193, 17.6.2020, p. 14).

([3]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1025 of 21 June 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/809 in support of the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery (OJ L 224, 24.6.2021, p. 22).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 5 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/809, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. This Decision shall expire on 25 February 2023.'.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg, 7 April 2022.

For the Council
The President
J. DENORMANDIE