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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/2085

of 26 July 2024

extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues and amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489

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 2 April 2020, the Council agreed to appoint a European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues.
- (2) On 2 April 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 ⁽¹⁾, which appointed Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues.
- (3) The EUSR's mandate has been extended by Council Decisions (CFSP) 2021/470 ⁽²⁾ and 2022/1240 ⁽³⁾ and is set to expire on 31 August 2024.
- (4) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of 5 months and the financial reference amount should be adjusted accordingly.
- (5) 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

Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

'Article 1

European Union Special Representative

Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK is hereby appointed as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues from 2 April 2020 until 31 March 2021.

The mandate of Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues is extended until 31 August 2022.

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The mandate of Mr Miroslav LAJČÁK as the EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues is extended until 31 January 2025.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 of 2 April 2020 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 105, 3.4.2020, p. 3).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/470 of 18 March 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 96, 19.3.2021, p. 13).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1240 of 18 July 2022 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkans regional issues (OJ L 190, 19.7.2022, p. 131).

The Council may decide that the mandate of the EUSR be extended or terminated earlier, on the basis of an assessment by the Political and Security Committee (PSC) and a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR).';

(2) in Article 5(1), the third subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 January 2025 shall be EUR 6 650 000.';

(3) in Article 13, 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 1 January 2025.'.

Article 2

Entry into force

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

Done at Brussels, 26 July 2024.

For the Council

The President

BÓKA J.
