

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/1065

of 28 June 2021

amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 December 2005, the Council adopted Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah).
- (2) On 30 June 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/955 ⁽²⁾, amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP and extending it until 30 June 2021.
- (3) On 4 March 2021, in the context of the Strategic Review of EU BAM Rafah, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed that EU BAM Rafah should be extended for a further period of 24 months, until 30 June 2023.
- (4) On 1 June 2021, the PSC further noted that, taking into account information provided by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, EU BAM Rafah should at this stage be extended by one year, until 30 June 2022.
- (5) Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) EU BAM Rafah will be conducted 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

Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 13(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EU BAM Rafah for the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 shall be EUR 2 460 000.';

- (2) in Article 16, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2022.'.

Article 2

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

⁽¹⁾ Council Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP of 25 November 2005 on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 327, 14.12.2005, p. 28).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/955 of 30 June 2020 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) (OJ L 212, 3.7.2020, p. 18).

It shall apply from 1 July 2021.

Done at Luxembourg, 28 June 2021.

For the Council
The President
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