

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2075**of 25 November 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 in support of the development of an internationally recognised system for the validation of arms and ammunition management according to open international standards**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty of the 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 7 July 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 ⁽¹⁾, which envisages a project in two phases. Phase I is a feasibility study for the development of an internationally recognised Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System ('AAMVS').
- (2) Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 provides that the implementation of Phase II of the project, developing a concept for the creation of an AAMVS, can be authorised if the Council so decides, on the basis of the outcome of the feasibility study.
- (3) The study authorised by Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 demonstrated the feasibility of developing an AAMVS and highlighted several elements that will need to be considered in order to bring the concept to reality. Phase II will comprise designing a proposed framework for the AAMVS and a plan for developing the system. Those outputs will be aimed at supporting and guiding future efforts to build the AAMVS.
- (4) Based on the outcome of the feasibility study, the Council should decide that Phase II of the project is to be implemented.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 is due to expire 14 months after the date of the conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(4) thereof, unless the Council decides to extend the validity of that Decision in order to allow for the implementation of Phase II of the project.
- (6) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 until 30 November 2022 does not have any implication as regards financial resources.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) The second subparagraph of Article 1(1) is replaced by the following:

'The project shall consist of two phases, "Phase I" and "Phase II".

- During Phase I, in the first year of the implementation, a feasibility study for the development of an internationally recognised Arms and Ammunition Management Validation System ("AAMVS") was undertaken to investigate options for appropriate methodologies and tools for the assessment of risk and quality;
- During Phase II, based on the outcome of the feasibility study of Phase I, a concept for the creation of an AAMVS shall be developed.;

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/979 of 7 July 2020 in support of the development of an internationally recognised system for the validation of arms and ammunition management according to open international standards (OJ L 218, 8.7.2020, p. 1).

(2) Article 3(2) is replaced by the following:

‘2. The amount intended to cover Phase I of the project is EUR 821 872. The amount intended to cover Phase II of the project is EUR 820 237.’;

(3) Article 5 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 5

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

It shall expire on 30 November 2022.’.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 25 November 2021.

For the Council
The President
Z. POČIVALŠEK
