

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/848**of 30 May 2022****amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 on the promotion of effective arms export controls**

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 12 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 provides for an implementation period of 24 months 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) On 9 February 2022, the *Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle* (BAFA), in its capacity as the Implementing Agency, requested the authorisation of the Union to extend the period for the implementation of Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 to 36 months, until 30 November 2023, due to challenges arising from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- (4) BAFA also requests adding an additional conference for partner countries with advanced export controls systems, and an additional mid-term assessment event.
- (5) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464, including the two additional activities added through this Council Decision, can be performed without any financial resource implication until 30 November 2023.
- (6) Article 5 of Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464, and sub-sections 5.2.5, 5.2.6 and section 10 of the Annex to that Decision should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Article 5 is replaced by the following:

“Article 5

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption and shall expire on 30 November 2023.”;

- (2) The Annex is amended as follows:

- (a) the text of sub-section 5.2.5 is replaced by the following:

“5.2.5 Conferences for partner countries with advanced export controls systems

The project will take the form of two conferences in Brussels, each lasting up to two days. Each conference will provide a forum for advanced-level discussions between Union experts and senior-level representatives (in the areas of policy, licensing and enforcement) of beneficiary countries with advanced export control systems.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1464 of 12 October 2020 on the promotion of effective arms export controls (OJ L 335, 13.10.2020, p. 3).

Each conference will give the participating beneficiary countries the opportunity to:

- (a) receive information on the newest developments related to the arms trade (e.g. current procurement channels, the impact of new technologies, and security policy-related issues such as hybrid threats); and
- (b) discuss and exchange views on how recent changes and improvements in arms trade controls can be implemented as part of their own national export control system.”;

- (b) The text of sub-section 5.2.6 is replaced by the following:

“5.2.6 Assessment events

In order to evaluate and review the impact of the activities under this Decision, three assessment events (two mid-term and one final) will be organised in Brussels, ideally back-to-back with a regular COARM meeting.

The two mid-term assessment events will take the form of workshops with the participation of Member States. The workshops may last up to one day.

The final assessment event will take the form of an event in Brussels with the participation of beneficiary countries and Member States. Up to two representatives (appropriate government officials) of each beneficiary country will be invited to the final assessment event.”;

- (c) The text of section 10 is replaced by the following:

“10. Duration

The project will end on 30 November 2023.”.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 30 May 2022.

For the Council
The President
C. COLONNA
