

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1516**of 20 July 2023****extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1340**

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 11 March 2002, the Council agreed to appoint a European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (2) On 8 August 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/1340 ⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Johann SATTLER as the EUSR in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The EUSR's mandate has been successively extended, most recently by Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1193 ⁽²⁾, and is to expire on 31 August 2023.
- (3) The EUSR's mandate should be extended for a further period of 12 months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 should be established.
- (4) 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) 2019/1340 is amended as follows:

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

'Article 1

European Union Special Representative

The mandate of Mr Johann SATTLER as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina is extended until 31 August 2024. The Council may decide that the mandate of the EUSR be terminated earlier, based on 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 following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the EUSR's mandate for the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 shall be EUR 5 530 000';

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1340 of 8 August 2019 appointing the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OJ L 209, 9.8.2019, p. 10).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1193 of 19 July 2021 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1340 (OJ L 258, 20.7.2021, p. 46).

(3) in Article 14, 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 31 May 2024.’.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2023.

For the Council

The President

J. BORRELL FONTELLES
