

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/2065**of 25 September 2023****amending Decision (CFSP) 2021/710 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process**

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 29 April 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/710 ⁽¹⁾, appointing Mr Sven KOOPMANS as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Middle East Peace Process. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 28 February 2025.
- (2) With a view to achieving the policy objective set out in Decision (CFSP) 2021/710, to work towards a just, lasting and comprehensive peace that should be achieved on the basis of a two-State solution, and in light of stepped up efforts with regional partners towards achieving that objective, additional staff should be recruited to the EUSR's team. The financial reference amount should therefore be adapted accordingly.
- (3) 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

Article 5(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2021/710 is replaced by the following:

‘1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR for the period from 1 March 2023 to 28 February 2025 shall be EUR 289 782,33.’.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 25 September 2023.

For the Council
The President
H. GÓMEZ HERNÁNDEZ

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/710 of 29 April 2021 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process (OJ L 147, 30.4.2021, p. 12).