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POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2026/1178

of 13 May 2026

extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (*) (EULEX KOSOVO) (EULEX KOSOVO/1/2026)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38, third paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of 4 February 2008 on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 12(2) of Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38, third paragraph, of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising political control and strategic direction of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 10 June 2025, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2025/1187 ⁽²⁾, extending the mandate of Mr Giovanni Pietro BARBANO as Head of Mission of EULEX KOSOVO from 15 June 2025 to 14 June 2026.
- (3) On 15 April 2026, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy proposed to extend the mandate of Mr Giovanni Pietro BARBANO as Head of Mission of EULEX KOSOVO from 15 June 2026 to 25 June 2026,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Giovanni Pietro BARBANO as Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) is extended from 15 June 2026 to 25 June 2026.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 13 May 2026.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

L. MANDEL VENSILD

(*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 42, 16.2.2008, p. 92, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/joint_action/2008/124/oj.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2025/1187 of 10 June 2025 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) (EULEX KOSOVO/1/2025) (OJ L, 2025/1187, 12.6.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/1187/oj>).