Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/904 of 29 June 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 as regards the expiry date for support of OSCE activities relating to the reduction of small arms, light weapons and conventional ammunition in the Republic of North Macedonia and in Georgia

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/904

of 29 June 2020

amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 as regards the expiry date for support of OSCE activities relating to the reduction of small arms, light weapons and conventional ammunition in the Republic of North Macedonia and in Georgia

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 4 August 2017 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424[(1)], which provides for a 36#month implementation period from the date of conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) of that Decision, for the activities referred to in Article 1 thereof.

(2) The financing agreement with the Secretariat of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which is the implementing entity for Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424, was signed on 7 September 2017 and expires on 6 September 2020.

(3) On 27 April 2020, the OSCE Forum for Security Co#operation requested a no#cost six# month extension of the implementation period of Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 until 6 March 2021, due to the COVID#19 pandemic and restrictions on international travel.

(4) The continuation of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 does not have any implication as regards financial resources until 6 March 2021.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 is amended as follows:

(1) the title is replaced by the following:

> Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1424 of 4 August 2017 in support of OSCE activities to reduce the risk of illicit trafficking and excessive accumulation of small arms and light weapons and conventional ammunition in the Republic of North Macedonia and in Georgia;

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/904. (See end of Document for details)*

(2) Article 5(2) is replaced by the following:

2. This Decision shall expire on 6 March 2021..

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 29 June 2020.

For the Council

The President

A. METELKO-ZGOMBIĆ