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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 42(4) and 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 16 October 2017, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869[(1)] establishing a European Union Advisory Mission in support of Security Sector Reform in Iraq (EUAM Iraq).

(2) On 15 October 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1545[(2)] amending the mandate of EUAM Iraq and extending it until 17 April 2020.

(3) Following the Strategic Review of EUAM Iraq, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) recommended that the mandate of EUAM Iraq be amended and extended until 30 April 2022.

(4) Decision (CFSP) 2017/1869 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) EUAM Iraq should have a project cell for identifying and implementing projects. EUAM Iraq should, as appropriate, coordinate, facilitate and provide advice on projects implemented by Member States and third States under their responsibility in areas related to EUAM Iraq and in support of its objectives.

(6) EUAM Iraq will be conducted 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) 2017/1869 is amended as follows:

(1) Articles 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/513. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

Objectives

The strategic objectives of EUAM Iraq shall be:

(1) to provide advice and expertise to the Iraqi authorities at strategic level to identify and define the requirements for the coherent implementation of the Security Sector Reform civilian related aspects of the Iraqi National Security Strategy and associated plans;

(2) to analyse, assess and identify opportunities at national, regional and provincial levels for further Union engagement in support of the needs of the civilian Security Sector Reform;

(3) to inform and facilitate planning and implementation by the Union and Member States; and

(4) to assist the Union Delegation in the coordination of the Union's and Member States' support in the field of civilian Security Sector Reform, ensuring coherence of Union action.

Article 3

Tasks

In order to fulfil the objectives set out in Article 2, EUAM Iraq shall fulfil the necessary tasks in accordance with its planning documents.;

(2) in Article 14, the first paragraph is replaced by the following:

1. The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure related to EUAM Iraq for the period from 16 October 2017 to 17 October 2018 shall be EUR 17 300 000.

The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure related to EUAM Iraq for the period from 18 October 2018 to 17 April 2020 shall be EUR 64 800 000.

The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure related to EUAM Iraq for the period from 18 April 2020 to 30 April 2022 shall be EUR 79 500 000.

The financial reference amount for any subsequent period shall be decided by the Council.;

(3) the following article is inserted:

Article 14a

Project Cell

1 EUAM Iraq shall have a Project Cell for identifying and implementing projects. EUAM IRAQ shall, as appropriate, coordinate, facilitate and provide advice on projects implemented by Member States and third States under their responsibility and with due respect for the Union institutional framework in areas related to EUAM IRAQ and in support of its objectives.