Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/249 of 25 February 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/903 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in KosovoThis 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.

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/249

of 25 February 2020

amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/903 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo[(1)]

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 4 August 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/1338[(2)] extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Kosovo and appointing Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as the EUSR in Kosovo.

(2) On 25 June 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/903[(3)] extending the mandate of the EUSR in Kosovo. The EUSR's mandate is to expire on 29 February 2020.

(3) The mandate of the EUSR in Kosovo should be extended for a further period of six months and a new financial reference amount for the period from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 should be established.

(4) The EUSR in Kosovo 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) 2018/903 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/249. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

European Union Special Representative

The mandate of Ms Nataliya APOSTOLOVA as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Kosovo is extended until 31 August 2020. 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 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 shall be EUR 1 650 000.’.

(3) In Article 14, the following subparagraph is added:

‘The final comprehensive mandate implementation report of the EUSR shall be presented by 15 June 2020.’.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption. It shall apply from 1 March 2020.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2020.

For the Council

The President

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