DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/579 of 8 April 2021

amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)

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 15 April 2019 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 (1).
- (2) On 29 June 2020 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/906 (2), which amended Decision (CFSP) 2019/615.
- (3) Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 provides for a 24-month implementation period, beginning on the date of conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) thereof, for the activities referred to in Article 1 thereof ('the implementation period').
- (4) The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) has requested an additional extension of the implementation period until 15 October 2021 because of the worldwide COVID-19 crisis and the temporary suspension of the activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/615.
- (5) The activities referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 can be continued until 15 October 2021 without any consequences as regards financial resources.
- (6) Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 5 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/615, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

2. This Decision shall expire on 15 October 2021.'.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 8 April 2021.

For the Council The President A. P. ZACARIAS

⁽¹) Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 of 15 April 2019 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) (OJ L 105, 16.4.2019, p. 25).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/906 of 29 June 2020 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/615 on Union support for activities leading up to the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) (OJ L 207, 30.6.2020, p. 36).