

**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2033****of 19 November 2021****amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

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 21 January 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/97<sup>(1)</sup>, which provides for a 36-month implementation period from the date of the conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) of that Decision, for the projects referred to in Article 1 thereof.
- (2) The implementation period of the financing agreement ends on 4 February 2022.
- (3) On 8 July 2021, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), which is responsible for the technical implementation of the projects referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/97, requested a 12-month no-cost extension of the implementation period of that Decision. This extension allows UNODA to carry out the implementation of several of the projects referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 the implementation of which was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (4) The extension of the implementation period of the projects referred to in Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 until 4 February 2023 does not have any implication as regards financial resources.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Article 5(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 is replaced by the following:

‘2. This Decision shall expire on 4 February 2023.’

*Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 19 November 2021.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/97 of 21 January 2019 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 19, 22.1.2019, p. 11).