DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/2184

of 8 November 2022

amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296 in support of strengthening biological safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery

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 31 July 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296 (¹), which provides for a 36-month implementation period for the projects referred to in Article 1(2) of that Decision (the 'implementation period'), as from the conclusion of the financing agreement referred to in Article 3(3) thereof.
- (2) The implementation period is to end on 14 December 2022 with the expiry of Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296.
- (3) On 12 August 2022, the Conflict Prevention Centre of the Secretariat of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which is responsible for the technical implementation of the projects referred to in Article 1(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296, requested a 13-month no-cost extension of the implementation period. That extension would enable the OSCE to carry out the implementation of several of those projects, which was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the security situation in Ukraine.
- (4) The extension of the implementation period until 14 January 2024 does not have any implication as regards financial resources.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 5(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296 is replaced by the following:

'2. This Decision shall expire on 14 January 2024.'.

⁽¹) Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1296 of 31 July 2019 in support of strengthening biological safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery (OJ L 204, 2.8.2019, p. 29).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 8 November 2022.

For the Council The President Z. STANJURA