## **DECISIONS**

### **COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/122**

### of 17 January 2023

# amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo \*, EULEX KOSOVO

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

#### Whereas:

- (1) On 4 February 2008, the Council adopted Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP (1).
- (2) On 3 June 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/904 (²), amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP and extending the mandate of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) until 14 June 2023. That Decision provided, inter alia, that the task of providing operational support to the EU-facilitated dialogue should be transferred by EULEX KOSOVO to the European Union Office in Kosovo by 31 December 2022.
- (3) On 17 October 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1969 (3). That Decision provided for the allocation of additional resources to the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues with regard to, inter alia, the task of providing operational support to the EU-facilitated dialogue.
- (4) Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP should be amended accordingly.
- (5) EULEX KOSOVO 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

In Article 3 of Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

'The task of providing operational support to the EU-facilitated Dialogue shall be transferred to the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues by 31 December 2022.'

<sup>(\*)</sup> This 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.

<sup>(</sup>¹) Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of 4 February 2008 on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO (OJ L 42, 16.2.2008, p. 92).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/904 of 3 June 2021 amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) (OJ L 197, 4.6.2021, p. 114).

<sup>(3)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1969 of 17 October 2022 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/489 appointing the European Union Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues (OJ L 270, 18.10.2022, p. 92).

## Article 2

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

It shall apply from 17 October 2022.

Done at Brussels, 17 January 2023.

For the Council The President E. SVANTESSON