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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2025/...

of ...

**in support of the Hague Code of Conduct
and ballistic missile non-proliferation
in the framework of the implementation
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,

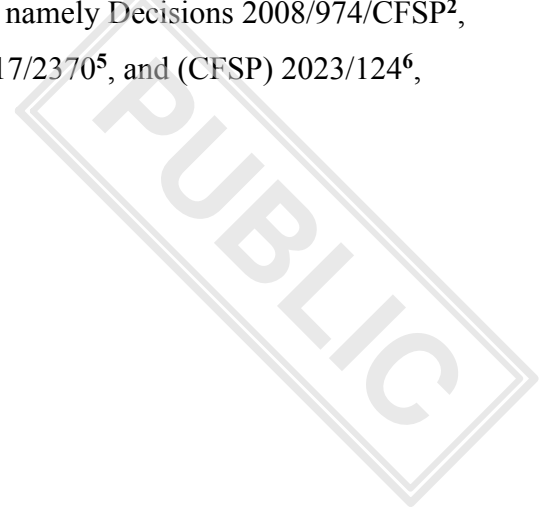
Whereas:

- (1) On 12 December 2003, the European Council adopted the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- (2) On 17 November 2003, the Council adopted Common Position 2003/805/CFSP¹, calling for the Union to convince as many countries as possible to subscribe to the Hague Code of Conduct, especially those with ballistic missile capabilities. That Common Position also called for the further development and implementation of the Code, especially its confidence-building measures, and for the promotion of a closer relationship between the Code and the United Nations multilateral non-proliferation system.
- (3) The 2016 Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy emphasises that the Union will step up its contribution to collective security.
- (4) The 2022 Strategic Compass for Security and Defence refers to the persistent threat of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, and expresses the Union's objective of reinforcing concrete Union actions in support of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control goals.

¹ Council Common Position 2003/805/CFSP of 17 November 2003 on the universalisation and reinforcement of multilateral agreements in the field of non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and means of delivery (OJ L 302, 20.11.2003, p. 34, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/compos/2003/805/oj>).

- (5) The Council has previously adopted five Decisions in support of the Hague Code of Conduct and ballistic missile non-proliferation, namely Decisions 2008/974/CFSP², 2012/423/CFSP³, 2014/913/CFSP⁴, (CFSP) 2017/2370⁵, and (CFSP) 2023/124⁶,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:



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- ² Council Decision 2008/974/CFSP of 18 December 2008 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 91, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/974/oj>).
- ³ Council Decision 2012/423/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and of the Council Common Position 2003/805/CFSP (OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 74, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2012/423/oj>).
- ⁴ Council Decision 2014/913/CFSP of 15 December 2014 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct and ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 360, 17.12.2014, p. 44, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/913/oj>).
- ⁵ Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2370 of 18 December 2017 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct and ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 337, 19.12.2017, p. 28, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2017/2370/oj>).
- ⁶ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/124 of 17 January 2023 in support of the Hague Code of Conduct and ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (OJ L 16, 18.1.2023, p. 36, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/124/oj>).

Article 1

1. With a view to the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, the Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy and the Strategic Compass for Security and Defence, the Union shall further support the universalisation, full implementation and enhancement of the Hague Code of Conduct through an operational action.
2. The objectives of the operational action referred to in paragraph 1 shall be to:
 - (a) promote universal subscription to the Hague Code of Conduct;
 - (b) promote the full implementation of the Hague Code of Conduct by subscribing states; and
 - (c) contribute to better integrating the Hague Code of Conduct into efforts to curb the proliferation of ballistic missiles.
3. A detailed description of the operational action referred to in paragraph 1 is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

1. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') shall be responsible for the implementation of this Decision.

2. The technical implementation of the operational action referred to in Article 1 shall be carried out by the *Fondation pour la recherche stratégique* (FRS).
3. The FRS shall perform the task referred to in paragraph 2 under the supervision of the High Representative. For that purpose, the High Representative shall enter into the necessary arrangements with the FRS.

Article 3

1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the action referred to in Article 1 shall be EUR 1 099 446,40.
2. The expenditure financed by the reference amount set out in paragraph 1 (the ‘expenditure’) shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the Union’s budget.
3. The Commission shall supervise the proper management of the expenditure. For that purpose, it shall conclude the necessary agreement with the FRS (the ‘agreement’). The agreement shall stipulate that the FRS is to ensure the visibility of the Union’s contribution in a manner appropriate to the size of that contribution.
4. The Commission shall endeavour to conclude the agreement as soon as possible after the entry into force of this Decision. It shall inform the Council of any difficulties in doing so and of the date of conclusion of the agreement.

Article 4

1. The High Representative shall report to the Council on the implementation of this Decision on the basis of regular reports prepared by the FRS. Those reports shall form the basis of an evaluation carried out by the Council.
2. The Commission shall provide information on the financial aspects of the action referred to in Article 1.

Article 5

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.
2. This Decision shall expire 36 months after the date of conclusion of the agreement. However, it shall expire six months after the date of its entry into force if the agreement has not been concluded within that period.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
