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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2023/...

of ...

**amending Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072 in support of building resilience
in biosafety and biosecurity through
the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention**

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 25 November 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072¹, which provided for a 24-month project-implementation period commencing on the date of the conclusion of the agreement referred to in Article 3(3) of that Decision.
- (2) That implementation period was to end on 19 December 2023.
- (3) On 23 August 2023, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), which is responsible for the technical implementation of the projects referred to in Article 1(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072, requested a 12-month extension of the implementation period.
- (4) The extension of the implementation period of Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072 until 19 December 2024 does not have any implication as regards financial resources.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072 of 25 November 2021 in support of building resilience in biosafety and biosecurity through the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (OJ L 421, 26.11.2021, p. 56).

Article 1

Article 5(2) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/2072 is replaced by the following:

‘2. This Decision shall expire on 19 December 2024.’.

Article 2

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
