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From: High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, signed by Ms. Belén MARTINEZ CARBONELL, Secretary-General

date of receipt: 19 November 2025

To: Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

Subject: Proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to the Council of 18/11/2025 for a Council Decision amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639 establishing the general conditions under which third States could exceptionally be invited to participate in individual PESCO projects

Delegations will find attached document HR(2025) 233.

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for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
to the Council**

of 18/11/2025

**for a Council Decision amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639
establishing the general conditions under which third States could
exceptionally be invited to participate in individual PESCO projects**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639 of 5 November 2020 established the general conditions under which third States could exceptionally be invited to participate in individual PESCO projects. Article 7(2)(a) of that Decision limits the involvement of entities in the implementation of PESCO projects after 31 December 2025 on the basis of contracts concluded or procurement procedures launched before that date.

In the context of the PESCO Strategic Review, the PCS, in its conclusions on 6 November 2025, agreed to technically amend this Council Decision in order to ensure legal continuity beyond 2025 and allow entities to remain involved in PESCO projects.

2. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this proposal is to extend the reference date in Article 7(2)(a) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639 from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2030, in order to allow entities to continue to be involved in the implementation of PESCO projects without interruption. This proposal is a purely technical update.

3. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO COUNCIL DECISION 2020/1639

Article 7(2)(a) will be amended by replacing the reference to the date "31 December 2025" with "31 December 2030".

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2025/...
of [dd/mm/2025]

amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1639 establishing the general conditions under which third States could exceptionally be invited to participate in individual PESCO projects

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 46(6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2315 establishing permanent structured cooperation (PESCO) and determining the list of participating Member States¹, in particular Article 4(2)(g) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 5 November 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639 establishing the general conditions under which third States could exceptionally be invited to participate in individual PESCO projects².
- (2) Article 7(2)(a) of that Decision provides that entities may only be involved in the implementation of PESCO projects after 31 December 2025 on the basis of contracts concluded or procurement procedures launched before that date.
- (3) In the interest of the continued implementation of PESCO projects, it is necessary to amend those provisions so as to allow entities to be involved in the implementation of PESCO projects until 31 December 2030,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 7(2)(a) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/1639 is replaced by the following:

‘entities may only be involved in the implementation of PESCO projects after 31 December 2030 on the basis of contracts concluded or procurement procedures launched before that date.’

¹ OJ L 331, 14.12.2017, p. 57.

² OJ L 371, 6.11.2020, pp. 3–9

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Article 2
Entry into force

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

Done at Brussels, ...

For the Council
The President

