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### Indicative strategic orientation for the use of the Ukraine Assistance Fund in 2024

#### I. Introduction

On 1 February 2024, the European Council invited “*the Council to reach agreement by early March 2024 to amend Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 on the basis of the proposal of the High Representative for a Ukraine Assistance Fund and the proposed key modalities, taking into account suggestions by the Member States.*”

On 9 February 2024, the High Representative (HR) proposed, with the support of the Commission, a Council Decision amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 (EPF CD) to increase the overall financial ceiling of the European Peace Facility (EPF) by EUR 5 billion in 2024 (in current prices), specifically dedicated to Ukraine (“Ukraine Assistance Fund” - UAF), aimed at ensuring sustainable and predictable military support to Ukraine.

On 13 February 2024, the PSC had an exchange of view on the HR’s proposal, and invited the EEAS to present the proposal for a strategic orientation for the dedicated amount proposed, taking into account suggestions by the Member States. It also invited RELEX supported by the EPF Committee to finalise the legal act, taking into account the guidance provided by the PSC, with a view to its adoption by the Council, via COREPER.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a strategic orientation for the use of the EUR 5 billion envelope for Ukraine in 2024, in line with the modalities for the UAF outlined in the proposed amending Council Decision. It builds on the four EEAS non-papers on the UAF issued previously, and takes into account the suggestions made by Member States.

The paper is presented on behalf of the HR within the meaning of Article 9(2) of the EPF CD. The proposed allocations for different lines of effort are indicative, and based on an assumption that the entire envelope proposed will be mobilised this year, with financial impact as of 2025, thereby respecting the ceiling for payments agreed for 2024.

The indicative strategic orientation provided herein will be reviewed later this year with a view to adapting to evolving needs or providing more detailed orientation, as needed.

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