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**PROPOSAL**

From:	High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, signed by Ms. Belén MARTINEZ CARBONELL, Secretary-General
date of receipt:	10 March 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 for a Council Decision appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights

Delegations will find attached document HR(2025) 34.

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**Proposal from the High Representative of the Union  
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy  
to the Council**

**of 06/03/2025**

**for a Council Decision appointing the European Union Special Representative for  
Human Rights**

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### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

#### **1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL**

On 26 February 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CSFP) 2024/758 appointing Mr. Olof Skoog as the EU Special Representative for Human Rights until 28 February 2026.

Following Mr. Skoog's appointment by the High Representative Kaja Kallas as Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs and Political Director of the European External Action Service, effective 1 March 2025, a new EU Special Representative for Human Rights should be appointed in order to ensure the continuity of the work of the EU Special Representative for Human Rights.

This is the object of this proposal.

#### **2. LEGAL BASIS**

Articles 33 and 31(2) of the Treaty on the European Union.

#### **3. APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW EUSR**

The High Representative for the Union Foreign Affairs and Security Policy proposes that the Council appoints Mr/Mrs XXX as the new EUSR for Human Rights. The new EUSR will continue to implement the mandate as defined in Council Decision (CSFP) 2024/758.

#### **4. OTHER ELEMENTS**

The proposed decision determines that expenditure related to the administrative continuity between the two EUSRs mandates during the period from 1 March to xx 2025 (date of the appointment of the new EUSR) should be covered by the financial reference amount laid down in Article 5(1) of Council Decision (CSFP) 2024/758.

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**Proposal for a**  
**COUNCIL DECISION**  
**appointing the European Union Special Representative**  
**for Human Rights**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 33 and 31(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 26 February 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CSFP) 2024/758<sup>1</sup> appointing Mr. Olof SKOOG as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights for a period of 24 months until 28 February 2026.
- (2) Following the appointment of Mr. Olof SKOOG to another position, Mr/Mrs XX should be appointed as the EUSR for Human Rights from xx 2025 until 28 February 2026,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The mandate of Mr. Olof SKOOG as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights is hereby terminated as of 1 March 2025.
2. Mr/Mrs XX is hereby appointed as the EUSR for Human Rights from xx 2025 until 28 February 2026. He/she shall exercise his/her mandate in accordance with the Council Decision (CSFP) 2024/758.
3. The Council may decide that the mandate of the EUSR be terminated earlier, based on an assessment by the Political and Security Committee and a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

*Article 2*

Expenditure related to the administrative continuity between the EUSRs mandates during the period between 1 March 2025 and xx 2025 shall be covered by the financial reference amount laid down in Article 5(1) of Decision (CSFP) 2024/758.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision/CSFP of 26 February 2024 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights, Official Journal L, 27.2.2024.

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*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*  
*The President*