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**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1813**

**of 25 June 2024**

**amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 3 July 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/354/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>, which continued EUPOL COPPS as from 1 July 2013.
- (2) On 28 February 2023, in the context of the coordinated Strategic Review of EUPOL COPPS and EU BAM Rafah, the Political and Security Committee agreed that the two Missions should be extended until 30 June 2025, in the form of two extensions for one year each.
- (3) On 26 June 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1302 <sup>(2)</sup>, which extended EUPOL COPPS until 30 June 2024.
- (4) In its conclusions of 21-22 March 2024, the European Council stated that the European Union remains firmly committed to a lasting and sustainable peace based on the two-state solution and that Palestinians and Israelis have an equal right to live in safety, dignity and peace. The European Council furthermore recalled that the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) and the European Union Border Assistance Mission to the Rafah Crossing Point (EU BAM Rafah) can play an important role based on that principle in support of a future Palestinian state. The European Council recalled those conclusions in its conclusions of 17 and 18 April 2024.
- (5) Taking into account information provided by Israel and the Palestinian Authority, EUPOL COPPS should at this stage be extended by one year, until 30 June 2025.
- (6) Decision 2013/354/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (7) EUPOL COPPS will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 2013/354/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 12(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUPOL COPPS for the period from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2025 shall be EUR 13 246 928,92.:'

- (2) in Article 15, the third paragraph is replaced by the following:

'It shall expire on 30 June 2025.'

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2013/354/CFSP of 3 July 2013 on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (OJ L 185, 4.7.2013, p. 12).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1302 of 26 June 2023 amending Decision 2013/354/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission for the Palestinian Territories (EUPOL COPPS) (OJ L 161, 27.6.2023, p. 62).

*Article 2*

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

It shall apply from 1 July 2024.

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 2024.

*For the Council*

*The President*

H. LAHBIB

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