

(Acts adopted pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

**COUNCIL DECISION 2003/781/CFSP
of 29 September 2003**

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Poland on the participation of Polish armed forces in the European Union-led forces (EUF) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Presidency,

Whereas:

- (1) On 27 January 2003, the Council adopted Joint Action 2003/92/CFSP on the European Union military operation in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) Article 8 of the Joint Action provides that the detailed arrangements regarding the participation of third States shall be the subject of an agreement in conformity with Article 24 of the Treaty.
- (3) Following the Council decision of 18 March 2003 authorising the Secretary-General/High Representative to open negotiations, the Secretary-General/High Representative negotiated an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Poland on the participation of Polish armed forces in the European Union-led forces (EUF) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
- (4) The Agreement should be approved,

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Poland on the participation of Polish armed forces in the European Union-led forces (EUF) in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the European Union.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Article 4

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2003.

For the Council

The President

F. FRATTINI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 34, 11.2.2003, p. 26.