

Council Decision 2010/118/CFSP of 25 February 2010 extending
the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in
Kosovo Under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

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extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo⁽¹⁾

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular Articles 28, 31(2) and 33 thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 June 1999, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1244.
- (2) On 15 September 2006, the Council adopted Joint Action 2006/623/CFSP⁽²⁾ on the establishment of a team to contribute to the preparations of the establishment of a possible International Civilian Office in Kosovo, including a European Union Special Representative component (ICO/EUSR Preparation Team).
- (3) On 13/14 December 2007, the European Council underlined that the European Union (EU) stands ready to play a leading role in strengthening stability in the region and in implementing a settlement defining Kosovo's future status. It stated the Union's readiness to assist Kosovo in the path towards sustainable stability, including by a European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) mission and a contribution to an International Civilian Office as part of the international presences.
- (4) On 4 February 2008, the Council adopted Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO⁽³⁾ and Joint Action 2008/123/CFSP⁽⁴⁾ appointing Mr Pieter FEITH European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Kosovo until 28 February 2009.
- (5) On 16 February 2009, the Council adopted Joint Action 2009/137/CFSP extending the mandate of the EUSR until 28 February 2010⁽⁵⁾.
- (6) The mandate of the EUSR should be extended until 31 August 2010. However, the mandate of the EUSR may be terminated earlier, if the Council so decides, on a recommendation of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR) following the entry into force of the decision establishing the European External Action Service.
- (7) The Stabilisation and Association Process is the strategic framework of the Union's policy towards the Western Balkan region, and its instruments apply to Kosovo,

including a European partnership, political and technical dialogue under the SAP Tracking Mechanism, and related Union assistance programmes.

- (8) The EUSR's mandate should be implemented in coordination with the Commission in order to ensure consistency with other relevant activities falling within Union competence.
- (9) The Council foresees that the powers and authorities of the EUSR and the powers and authorities of an International Civilian Representative shall be vested in the same person.
- (10) The EUSR will implement his mandate in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could harm the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

- (1) Under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).
- (2) OJ L 253, 16.9.2006, p. 29.
- (3) OJ L 42, 16.2.2008, p. 92.
- (4) OJ L 42, 16.2.2008, p. 88.
- (5) OJ L 46, 17.2.2009, p. 69. Amended by 2009/605/CFSP (OJ L 206, 8.8.2009, p. 20).