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In cases when the following common costs cannot be linked... Mission expenditure incurred by the operation commander and his or...

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Costs incurred for finding the final destination for the equipment... Incremental costs of drawing up the accounts for the operation....

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- (1) Council Decision 2004/197/CFSP of 23 February 2004 establishing a mechanism to administer the financing of the common costs of European Union operations having military or defence implications (OJ L 63, 28.2.2004, p. 68).
- (2) Council Decision 2011/871/CFSP of 19 December 2011 establishing a mechanism to administer the financing of the common costs of European Union operations having military or defence implications (Athena) (OJ L 343, 23.12.2011, p. 35).

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