

COUNCIL DECISION 2009/570/CFSP**of 27 July 2009****amending and extending Decision 2008/901/CFSP concerning the independent international fact-finding mission on the conflict in Georgia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 13(3) and Article 23(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 1 September 2008, the European Council stated that the European Union is ready to commit itself to support every effort to secure a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflicts in Georgia, and that it is ready to support confidence-building measures.
- (2) On 15 September 2008, the Council supported the idea of an independent international inquiry into the conflict in Georgia, and on 2 December 2008 it adopted Council Decision 2008/901/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ concerning an independent international fact-finding mission on the conflict in Georgia, for the period from 2 December 2008 to 31 July 2009.
- (3) On 3 July 2009, the Political and Security Committee recommended that the fact-finding mission be extended for an additional two months,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 2008/901/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2(1) shall be replaced by the following:

'1. The financial reference amount to cover expenditure relating to the implementation of the fact-finding mission shall be EUR 1 600 000 for the period from 2 December 2008 to 30 September 2009.'

2. The second subparagraph of Article 5 shall be replaced by the following:

'It shall apply until 30 September 2009'.

Article 2

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

*Article 3*This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 27 July 2009.

*For the Council**The President*

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 323, 3.12.2008, p. 66.