

COUNCIL DECISION 2010/449/CFSP**of 11 August 2010****extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 February 2006, the Council adopted Joint Action 2006/121/CFSP⁽¹⁾ appointing Mr Peter SEMNEBY European Union Special Representative (hereinafter 'the EUSR') for the South Caucasus.
- (2) On 22 February 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/109/CFSP⁽²⁾ extending the mandate of the EUSR until 31 August 2010.
- (3) The mandate of the EUSR should be extended until 28 February 2011 or until the Council decides, on a proposal by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (hereinafter 'the HR'), that appropriate corresponding functions to those under Decision 2010/109/CFSP have been established in the European External Action Service and terminates the mandate.
- (4) 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:

Article 1

Decision 2010/109/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 1***European Union Special Representative**

The mandate of Mr Peter SEMNEBY as the EUSR for the South Caucasus is hereby extended until 28 February 2011

or until the Council decides, on a proposal by the HR, that appropriate corresponding functions to those under the current Decision have been established in the European External Action Service and terminates the mandate.;

2. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

*'Article 5***Financing**

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR for the period from 1 March 2010 to 31 August 2010 shall be EUR 1 855 000.
2. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the mandate of the EUSR for the period from 1 September 2010 to 28 February 2011 shall be EUR 1 410 000.
3. The expenditure shall be managed in accordance with the procedures and rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.
4. The management of the expenditure shall be subject to a contract between the EUSR and the Commission. The EUSR shall be accountable to the Commission for all expenditure.;

*Article 2***Entry into force**

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

Done at Brussels, 11 August 2010.

For the Council

The President

S. VANACKERE

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 49, 21.2.2006, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 46, 23.2.2010, p. 16.