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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION 2012/768/CFSP

of 9 March 2012

on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishing a framework for the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in European Union crisis management operations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 218(5) and (6) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy ('the HR'),

Whereas:

- (1) Conditions regarding the participation of third States in European Union crisis management operations should be laid down in an agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than defining those conditions on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned.
- (2) Following the adoption of a Decision by the Council on 26 April 2010 authorising the opening of negotiations, the HR negotiated an agreement between the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishing a framework for the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement').
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishing a framework for the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the 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(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Union.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 16(1) of the Agreement.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 9 March 2012.

For the Council

The President

I. AUKEN



COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Brussels, 29 October 2012

H.E. Mr. Nikola POPOSKI,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Sir,

I have the honour to propose that, if it is acceptable to your Government, this letter and your confirmation shall together take the place of signature of the Agreement between the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia establishing a framework for the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in European Union crisis management operations.

The text of the aforementioned Agreement, herewith annexed, has been approved for signature and conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, by a decision of the Council of the European Union on 9 March 2012 and is, consequently, binding on the Union. Pending its entry into force, this Agreement, in accordance with its Article 16.2, shall be provisionally applied from today's date.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the European Union

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Vimont'.

Pierre VIMONT
Executive Secretary General
European External Action Service

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