COUNCIL JOINT ACTION
of 22 December 2000

on the European Union Monitoring Mission

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

1. The primary objective of the Mission, henceforth to be called the European Union Monitoring Mission (EUMM), is to contribute, in a flexible manner, through information gathering and analysis in line with directions from the Secretary-General/High Representative and the Council, to the effective formulation of European Union policy towards the Western Balkans.

2. To that end, the EUMM shall in particular:
   (a) monitor political and security developments in the area of responsibility;
   (b) give particular attention to border monitoring, inter-ethnic issues and refugee return;
   (c) provide analytical reports on the basis of tasking received;
   (d) contribute to the early warning of the Council and to confidence building, in the context of the policy of stabilisation conducted by the Union in the region.

3. The Council may also initiate specific tasking in coordination with the Secretary-General/High Representative and in consultation with the Commission.

4. In the fulfilment of its tasks, the EUMM shall coordinate its activities closely with the European Union Heads of Mission and relevant international organisations in the Western Balkans with a view to contributing to a more effective policy of the European Union in the Western Balkans.

Article 2

1. The Secretary-General/High Representative, acting in close coordination with the Presidency, shall define the tasks of the EUMM in accordance with the policy, as adopted by the Council, regarding the Western Balkans.

2. The EUMM shall report to the Council on the accomplishment of its tasks through the Secretary-General/High Representative.

3. The Secretary-General/High Representative shall ensure that the Mission functions flexibly and in a streamlined manner. In that context, he shall regularly reexamine the functions and the geographical territory covered by the EUMM so as to continue to adapt the internal organisation of the Mission to the priorities of the European Union in the Western Balkans. He shall report thereon to the Council regularly. The Commission shall be fully associated.
Article 3

The EUMM shall be structured as follows:

(a) headquarters composed of a Head of Mission, a Deputy Head of Mission, a Legal Adviser, an analysis section, a finance and administrative cell, a data base management unit and a communications and logistics cell;

(b) mission offices to maintain essential local contacts, coordinate closely with European Union Heads of Mission and relevant international organisations, provide operational feedback to EUMM headquarters and support to mobile teams' rapid redeployment;

(c) mobile teams with rapid deployment capability, tasked to report in accordance with the mandate set out in Article 1(3).

Article 4

1. The Head of Mission shall be appointed by the Council on the basis of proposals to be submitted by the Secretary-General/High Representative; and shall ensure the day-to-day management of EUMM operations.

2. The Deputy Head of Mission shall be seconded by the Member State holding the Presidency.

3. The number and competences of the EUMM staff shall be consistent with the objectives and structure set out in Articles 1 and 3.

4. The international staff shall be seconded by Member States for a minimum period of one year. Each Member State shall bear the costs related to the personnel seconded by it, including salaries, allowances, accommodation costs and travelling expenses to and from the Western Balkans.

5. Non-European Union Member States participating in the OSCE, currently providing staff to ECMM, may continue their participation. They shall be asked to bear the cost of sending the staff nominated by them, and to contribute to the current expenditure of the EUMM in an appropriate proportion taking into account the size of their participation and their gross national product.

6. Levels of local staff shall be consistent with the structure set out in Article 3.

Article 5

1. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this Joint Action shall be EUR 4,820,404 for the years 2000 and 2001.

2. The amount specified in paragraph 1 shall be allocated to finance the infrastructure and current expenditure of the EUMM, including expenditure relating to local staff.

3. The Head of Mission shall report fully to, and be supervised by, the Commission on the activities undertaken in the framework of his contract.

Article 6

The detailed rules governing the EUMM operations in the area of its responsibility shall be laid down in arrangements to be concluded in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24 of the Treaty.

Article 7

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

It shall apply until 31 December 2001.

Article 8

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 2000.

For the Council

The President

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