COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2015/363

of 5 March 2015

concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 and Article 31(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 31 January 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/71/CFSP concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians ([1]), which provided for an extension of the validity of their national permits for entry into, and stay in, the territory of the Member States referred to in Council Common Position 2002/400/CFSP ([2]) for a further period of 12 months.

(2) On the basis of an evaluation of the application of Common Position 2002/400/CFSP, the Council considers it appropriate that the validity of those permits be extended for a further period of 24 months,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Member States referred to in Article 2 of Common Position 2002/400/CFSP shall extend the validity of national permits for entry and stay granted pursuant to Article 3 of that Common Position for a further period of 24 months, starting from 31 January 2014.

Article 2

The Council shall evaluate the application of Common Position 2002/400/CFSP within six months of the adoption of this Decision.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 5 March 2015.

For the Council

The President

D. REIZNIECE-OZOLA

([1]) Council Decision 2013/71/CFSP of 31 January 2013 concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians (OJ L 32, 1.2.2013, p. 19).

([2]) Council Common Position 2002/400/CFSP of 21 May 2002 concerning the temporary reception by Member States of the European Union of certain Palestinians (OJ L 138, 28.5.2002, p. 33).