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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2015/659

of 16 March 2015

on the signing and conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status in the Central African Republic of the European Union CSDP Military Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(5) and (6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 19 January 2015, the Council adopted Decision 2015/78/CFSP ([1]), which provides that the status of units and personnel of the CSDP Military Advisory Mission EUMAM RCA placed under Union control, including the privileges, immunities and further guarantees necessary for the fulfilment and smooth functioning of their mission, is to be the subject of an agreement concluded pursuant to Article 37 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

(2) Following the adoption on 19 January 2015 of a Decision by the Council authorising the opening of negotiations, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, in accordance with Article 37 TEU, negotiated an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Union and the Central African Republic on the status of EUMAM RCA.

(3) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the TEU and to the TFEU, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications. Denmark does not participate in the implementation of this Decision and therefore does not participate in the financing of this mission.

(4) The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status in the Central African Republic of the European Union CSDP Military Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

([1]) Council Decision 2015/78/CFSP of 19 January 2015 on a European Union CSDP Military Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) (OJ L 13, 20.1.2015, p. 8).

The text of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the respective letter in order to bind the Union.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 16 March 2015.

For the Council
The President
F. MOGHERINI