THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 23(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP of 12 July 2002 on the European Union’s contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons (1), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 21 October 2002 the Council adopted Decision 2002/842/CFSP (2) concerning a European Union contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons in South East Europe, which was aimed at implementing Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP and which made available EUR 200 000 for this purpose.

(2) Some objectives could not be fulfilled by 22 December 2003, the date on which Decision 2002/842/CFSP expires, and others should be consolidated and expanded after that date.

(3) The Commission should ensure an adequate visibility of the contribution of the European Union to the projects including by appropriate measures taken by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

(4) Decision 2002/842/CFSP should therefore be extended and amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 2002/842/CFSP is hereby amended as follows:

1. the following paragraph shall be added to Article 1:

   ‘4. The financing agreement to be concluded will stipulate that UNDP shall ensure visibility of the contribution of the European Union to the project, appropriate to its size.’

2. in Article 2(1), the financial reference amount ‘EUR 200 000’ shall be replaced by ‘EUR 300 000’; this amount is additional to the amount made available for the preceding Decision concerning this action;

3. in Article 4(1), the second sentence shall be replaced by the sentence ‘It shall expire on 31 December 2004’;

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on 23 December 2003.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2003.

For the Council
The President
F. FRATTINI

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