Council extends EUMM Georgia for one more year

The Council today extended the EU monitoring mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) for one more year, until 14 September 2013. A budget of €20.9 million has been allocated for that year.

EU High Representative Catherine Ashton said: "The EU Monitoring Mission has made a vital contribution to security and stability in Georgia and the region over the past four years. I welcome the extension of its mandate for another year which will allow the mission to continue its efforts towards improving the daily lives of conflict-affected communities."

The European Union considers that all participants to the Geneva International Discussions should continue their efforts towards a peaceful and sustainable solution. The EU calls on the Russian Federation to fulfil its obligations under the six-point ceasefire agreement of 12 August 2008 and its implementing measures of 8 September 2008.

The Incident Prevention and Response Mechanism (IPRM) meetings are an important way of addressing the issues which affect stability and security on the ground. The EU encourages all participants to work for their resumption on Gali/Zugdidi IPRM.

The European Union monitoring mission in Georgia is an autonomous mission led by the EU under the Common security and defence policy (CSDP). Its objective is to contribute to stability throughout Georgia and the surrounding region by inter alia monitoring and analysing the situation pertaining to the stabilisation process.

Today's decision was adopted by written procedure.

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