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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2372

of 26 October 2026

amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

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

Whereas:

(1) On 20 December 2010, the Council adopted Decision 2010/788/CFSP [1].

(2) On 20 December 2022, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted Resolution 2667 (2022), which removes the notification requirements set out in paragraph 5 of UNSC Resolution 1807 (2008) with respect to the arms embargo on non-governmental entities and individuals operating in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

(3) On 29 June 2026, the UNSC adopted Resolution 2825 (2026), which amends the criteria for the designation of persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures set out in paragraphs 9 and 11 of UNSC Resolution 1807 (2008).

(4) Further Union action is needed in order to implement certain measures.

(5) Decision 2010/788/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2010/788/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is amended as follows:

(i) points (a), (b) and (c) are replaced by the following:

‘(a) the sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and any related materiel, or the provision of related technical assistance, financing or financial assistance, brokering services or other services intended solely for the support of, or use by, the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) or the African Union Regional Task Force;

(b) the sale, supply, transfer or export of protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to the DRC by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only;

(c) the sale, supply, transfer or export of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or the provision of related technical assistance or training, financing or financial assistance, brokering services or other services.’;

[1] Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP of 20 December 2010 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (OJ L 336, 21.12.2010, p. 30, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2010/788/oj).

(ii) point (d) is deleted;

(b) paragraph 3 is deleted;

(2) in Article 3(1), first subparagraph, the following point is added:

'(l) deliberately and gravely obstructing the implementation of MONUSCO's mandate, including by denying access, restricting freedom of movement or interfering with patrols and monitoring activities.'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 26 October 2026.

For the Council

The President

M. HEYDON