

COUNCIL JOINT ACTION
of 11 March 2002
on the appointment of the EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

(2002/211/CFSP)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and, in particular, Article 14 and Article 18(5) thereof,
Whereas:

- (1) On 18 February 2002, the Council expressed its willingness to appoint as the EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina the next High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In doing so, the EU conveyed a clear message that the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina lies in integration into European structures, building on stabilisation and association process.
- (2) On 28 February 2002 the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board took note of the EU's intention to appoint the next High Representative as the EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (3) On 11 March 2002, the Council adopted Joint Action 2002/210/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission ⁽¹⁾, Article 6 of which states that the Council should appoint an EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina,

HAS ADOPTED THIS JOINT ACTION:

Article 1

Lord Ashdown is hereby appointed as the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 2

1. The role of the EUSR shall not in any way prejudice the mandate of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including his coordinating role with regard to the activities of all civilian organisations and agencies as set out in the Dayton/Paris Peace Agreement and subsequent Peace Implementation Council conclusions and declarations.
2. He shall maintain an overview of the whole range of activities in the field of the Rule of Law and in that context provide advice to the Secretary-General/High Representative (SG/HR) and the Commission as necessary.
3. As part of his wider responsibilities, the EUSR shall have authority to give direction, as necessary, to the Head of Mission/Police Commissioner of the EU Police Mission.

Article 3

The EUSR shall report to the Council through the SG/HR.

Article 4

This Joint Action shall enter into force on 3 June 2002.

Article 5

This Joint Action shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 11 March 2002.

For the Council
The President
J. PIQUÉ I CAMPS

⁽¹⁾ See page 1 of this Official Journal.