

Council Decision 2000/143/CFSP setting up the Interim Political and Security Committee (14 February 2000)

Caption: On 14 February 2000, the Council decides to establish an Interim Political and Security Committee. This Committee will be responsible for dealing with the day-to-day affairs of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and for drafting recommendations on the future operation of the common European security and defence policy (ESDP). This Decision will apply until the permanent bodies of the common European policy in this field are established.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 28(1),

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community and in particular Article 207 thereof,

Recalling Article 25 of the Treaty on European Union,

Whereas:

In the framework of the strengthening of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and in particular of the common European policy on security and defence provided for in Article 17 of the Treaty on European Union, the European Council meeting in Helsinki on 10 and 11 December 1999 invited the Council to establish as of March 2000 the interim bodies and arrangements for the implementation of the common European policy on security and defence,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. The Political Committee established by Article 25 of the Treaty on European Union shall meet in Brussels under a separate formation, called the 'Interim Political and Security Committee', when it is not in session. This formation shall be composed of national representatives at senior/ambassadorial level within the framework of Member States Permanent Representations.

2. The Interim Political and Security Committee shall, in close contact with the Secretary General/High Representative:

(a) prepare recommendations on the future functioning of the common European policy on security and defence;

(b) deal with CFSP affairs on a day-to-day basis.

Article 2

1. This Decision shall enter into force on 1 March 2000.

2. It shall apply until the permanent bodies of the common European policy on security and defence are established.

Article 3

This Decision shall be published in the Official Journal.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA