

(Acts adopted pursuant to Title V of the Treaty on European Union)

**COUNCIL DECISION 2003/856/CFSP
of 8 December 2003
concerning the implementation of Joint Action 2002/210/CFSP on the European Union Police
Mission**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2002/210/CFSP of 11 March 2002 on the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(1)(b), last subparagraph thereof, in conjunction with the second indent of Article 23(2) of the Treaty on European Union,

Whereas:

The Council should decide on the final budget for the year 2004,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. An amount of EUR 17,5 million covering operational running costs of EUPM in 2004 shall be financed in common from the general budget of the European Union.
2. The management of the expenditure financed by the general budget of the European Union specified in paragraph 1 shall be subject to the procedures and rules of the Community applying to budget matters with the exception that any pre-financing shall not remain the property of the Community.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2003.

For the Council
The President
F. FRATTINI

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 70, 13.3.2002, p. 1.