



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



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Council extends the EU monitoring mission in Aceh/Indonesia

The Council adopted¹ today a joint action amending and extending joint action 2005/643/CFSP on the EU monitoring mission in Aceh (Indonesia) (12165/06).

The new joint action extends the mission's mandate for a final period of three months until 15 December 2006. Both the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) have indicated their support for such an extension.

The financial reference amount intended to cover the additional expenditure related to the mission from 16 September to 15 December is EUR 1 530 000.

The Aceh monitoring mission was established on 15 September 2005 in order to monitor implementation of various aspects of the peace agreement set out in the memorandum of understanding signed on 15 August 2005 by the government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement.

¹ The decision was taken by written procedure.

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