

**COUNCIL COMMON POSITION 2006/31/CFSP**  
**of 23 January 2006**  
**renewing the restrictive measures imposed against Liberia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 15 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 February 2004, the Council adopted Common Position 2004/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Liberia <sup>(1)</sup> in order to implement the measures imposed against Liberia by the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1521(2003).
- (2) On 22 December 2004, the Council adopted Common Position 2004/902/CFSP <sup>(2)</sup> extending Common Position 2004/137/CFSP for a 12-month period, in accordance with UNSCR 1579(2004).
- (3) In the light of the developments in Liberia, the UN Security Council on 20 December 2005 adopted Resolution 1647(2005) renewing the restrictive measures on arms and travel imposed by UNSCR 1521(2003) for a further period of 12 months and renewing the restrictive measures on diamonds and timber imposed by UNSCR 1521 (2003) for a further period of six months.
- (4) The measures imposed by Common Position 2004/137/CFSP should therefore be renewed with effect from 23 December 2005 in order to give effect to UNSCR 1647(2005),

HAS ADOPTED THIS COMMON POSITION:

*Article 1*

1. The measures imposed by Articles 1 and 2 of Common Position 2004/137/CFSP shall be applied for a further period of 12 months, unless the Council decides otherwise in accordance with any future relevant UN Security Council Resolution.
2. The measures imposed by Articles 3 and 4 of Common Position 2004/137/CFSP shall be applied for a further period of six months, unless the Council decides otherwise in accordance with any future relevant UN Security Council Resolution.

*Article 2*

This Common Position shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

It shall be applicable from 23 December 2005 until 22 December 2006.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 23 January 2006.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
J. PRÖLL

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 40, 12.2.2004, p. 35.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 379, 24.12.2004, p. 113.