Action against anti-personnel landmines in developing countries

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According to the Commission, there are good reasons to be satisfied with the results of the common position: - the duration of this Regulation is not limited to the date of expiry of the current financial Perspective, 2006. The strength of the political message is preserved: this Regulation will expire in 2009 which is the date fixed by the Ottawa Mine Ban Treaty for compliance with its target; - the request of the EP to explicitly mention in the legal text the need to destroy stockpiles has been satisfied; - the annual average amount for the budget dedicated to this regulation provides a good level of certainty and operational thrust tothe EC policy; - the budget is not split along the two Regulations covering two distinct geographic areas but provides fo a total amount common to both instruments; - complementarity with other Regulations and programmes with a view to reinforcing the interaction with Country Strategies and the overall consistency of Community instruments. The Commission accepts the common position because it enables to purpose all objectives of its Communication within the post Evian spirit. Lastly, a joint Commission and Council declaration will be noted in the minutes of the Council's decision which states that "the Council and the Commission confirm that the adoption of this regulation will not prevent the European Union from taking action against anti-personnel landmines under Title V of the Treaty on European UNiopn, in so far as such action purues objetcives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy and is in conformity with Article 47 of the TEU.