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**Council Common Position 2008/652/CFSP
amending Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning
restrictive measures against Iran**

The Council has adopted¹ a common position amending Common Position 2007/140/CFSP² concerning restrictive measures against Iran³ with a view to the implementation of Resolution 1803 (2008), adopted on 3 March 2008 by the United Nations Security Council. That Resolution widens the scope of the restrictive measures imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1737 (2006) of 23 December 2006 and 1747 (2007) of 24 March 2007.

¹ By written procedure on 7 August 2008.

² Published in the Official Journal of the European Union, OJ L 61, 28 February 2007.

³ Published in the Official Journal of the European Union, OJ L 213, 8 August 2008.

P R E S S

Common Position 2008/652/CFSP asks all Member States to exercise restraint when they enter into new commitments to provide official financial support for trade with Iran, in particular in the granting of export credits, guarantees and insurance; also to exercise vigilance over the activities of financial institutions with banks domiciled in Iran and Bank Saderat in particular. It also asks the Member States to inspect the cargos to and from Iran of aircraft and vessels at their airports and seaports, in particular those owned or operated by Iran Air Cargo and the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line, provided there are reasonable grounds to believe that such aircraft or vessels are transporting goods prohibited by this Common Position.
