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Subject: **POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION
ATALANTA/4/2012 on the appointment of an EU Operation
Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to
the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed
robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta)**

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION
ATALANTA/4/2012**

of

**on the appointment of an EU Operation Commander for
the European Union military operation
to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression
of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP of 10 November 2008 on a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast¹(Atalanta), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

¹ OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee ("PSC") to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast ("EU Operation Commander").
- (2) On 15 June 2011, the PSC adopted Decision Atalanta/2/2011¹ appointing Rear Admiral Duncan POTTS as EU Operation Commander.
- (3) The United Kingdom has proposed that Rear Admiral (designate) Robert TARRANT replace Rear Admiral Duncan POTTS as EU Operation Commander.
- (4) The EU Military Committee supports that proposal.
- (5) In accordance with Article 5 of the Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 158, 16.6.2011, p. 36.

Article 1

Rear Admiral (designate) Robert TARRANT is hereby appointed EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast as from 16 January 2013.

Article 2

Decision Atalanta/2/2011 of 15 June 2011 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 16 January 2013.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*