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**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION
EUCAP SAHEL Niger/2/2012**

of ... 2012

**on the establishment of the Committee of Contributors
for the European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)¹, and in particular Article 10(3) thereof,

¹ OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 48.

Whereas:

- (1) By Article 10(3) of Decision 2012/392/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee ("the PSC") to establish a Committee of Contributors ("CoC") for EUCAP Sahel Niger.
- (2) The European Council Conclusions of Göteborg of 15 and 16 June 2001 established guiding principles and modalities for third States' contributions to police missions. On 10 December 2002, the Council approved the document entitled "Consultations and Modalities for the Contribution of non-EU States to EU civilian crisis management operations" which further developed the arrangements for the participation of third States in civilian crisis management operations, including the establishment of a CoC.
- (3) The CoC should play a key role in the day-to-day management of EUCAP Sahel Niger. It should be the main forum for discussing all problems relating to the day-to-day management of the Mission. The PSC, which exercises the political control and strategic direction of the Mission, should take account of the views expressed by the CoC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Establishment

A Committee of Contributors ("CoC") for the European Union CSDP Mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) is hereby established.

Article 2
Functions

1. The CoC may express views which shall be taken into account by the Political and Security Committee ("the PSC") which exercises the political control and the strategic direction of EUCAP Sahel Niger.
2. The terms of reference of the CoC are laid down in the document entitled "Consultations and Modalities for the Contribution of non-EU States to EU civilian crisis management operations".

Article 3
Composition

1. All EU Member States are entitled to be present at the CoC's discussions but only contributing States shall take part in the day-to-day management of EUCAP Sahel Niger. Representatives of the third States participating in EUCAP Sahel Niger may attend the CoC's meetings. A representative of the European Commission may also attend the CoC's meetings.
2. The CoC shall regularly receive information from the Head of Mission.

Article 4
Chair

The CoC shall be chaired by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy or by his or her representative.

Article 5
Meetings

1. The CoC shall be convened by the Chair on a regular basis. Where circumstances require, emergency meetings may be convened on the Chair's initiative, or at the request of a member.

- 2 The Chair shall circulate in advance a provisional agenda and documents relating to the meeting. The Chair shall be responsible for conveying the outcome of the CoC's discussions to the PSC.

Article 6
Confidentiality

1. The Council's security rules, as laid down in Council Decision 2011/292/EU of 31 March 2011 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information¹, shall apply to the meetings and proceedings of the CoC. In particular, representatives in the CoC shall possess adequate security clearance.
2. The deliberations of the CoC shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, except insofar as the CoC unanimously decides otherwise.

Article 7
Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson

¹ OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 17.