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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION
Atalanta/3/2012 on the appointment of an EU Force 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/3/2012

of ... 2012

**on the appointment of an EU Force 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, 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 Force Commander.
- (2) On 3 July 2012, the PSC adopted Decision Atalanta/2/2012¹ appointing Rear Admiral Enrico CREDENDINO as EU Force 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).
- (3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral Pedro Ángel GARCÍA DE PAREDES PÉREZ DE SEVILLA as the new EU Force Commander for Atalanta to succeed Rear Admiral Enrico CREDENDINO.
- (4) The EU Military Committee supports that recommendation.
- (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 Political and Security Committee Decision Atalanta/2/2012 of 3 July 2012 on the appointment of an EU Force 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) (OJ L 176, 6.7.2012, p. 64).

Article 1

Rear Admiral Pedro Ángel GARCÍA DE PAREDES PÉREZ DE SEVILLA is hereby appointed EU Force 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 from 6 December 2012.

Article 2

Decision Atalanta/2/2012 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 6 December 2012.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*