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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2024)

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2024/...

of ...

**on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander
for the European Union military operation
in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and
repealing Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2024)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)¹, in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

¹ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4.

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 March 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, which established and launched a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI).
- (2) Pursuant to Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI ('EU Operation Commander').
- (3) On 23 September 2021, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745², appointing Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO as EU Operation Commander from 1 October 2021.
- (4) On 17 May 2024, the Italian military authorities proposed the appointment of Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI to succeed Rear Admiral Stefano TURCHETTO as EU Operation Commander from 19 July 2024.
- (5) On 23 May 2024, the EU Military Committee supported the proposed appointment.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI as EU Operation Commander should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

² Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745 of 23 September 2021 on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (OJ L 350, 4.10.2021, p. 1).

Article 1

Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI is hereby appointed as EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 19 July 2024.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2021/1745 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 19 July 2024.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*
