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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/5/2024)

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

**of ...**

**on the appointment of the EU Force Commander  
for the European Union military operation  
in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)  
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014  
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/5/2024)**

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)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Article 8(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.
- (3) On 26 March 2024, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014<sup>2</sup>, appointing Rear Admiral Armando Paolo SIMI as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 5 April 2024.
- (4) On 6 September 2024, the Greek military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Prokopios CHARITOS to succeed Rear Admiral Armando Paolo SIMI as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 4 October 2024.  
On 10 September 2024, the EU Operation Commander supported that proposed appointment.

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<sup>2</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014 of 26 March 2024 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2023/2078 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/1/2024) (OJ L, 2024/1014, 3.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1014/oj>).

- (5) On 13 September 2024, the EU Military Committee supported the recommendation made by the Greek military authorities and agreed that Commodore Prokopios CHARITOS be appointed as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 4 October 2024.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Commodore Prokopios CHARITOS as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

Commodore Prokopios CHARITOS is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 4 October 2024.

### *Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2024/1014 is hereby repealed.

### *Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 4 October 2024.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Political and Security Committee  
The Chairperson*

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