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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 Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130 (BiH/38/2024)

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

of ...

**on the appointment of the EU Force Commander
for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130
(BiH/38/2024)**

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 2004/570/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on a European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina¹, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

¹ OJ L 252, 28.7.2004, p. 10.

Whereas:

- (1) On 12 July 2004, the Council adopted Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP, which established a European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Operation ALTHEA).
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for Operation ALTHEA.
- (3) On 26 September 2023, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130² appointing Major General László STICZ as the EU Force Commander for Operation ALTHEA from 21 January 2024.
- (4) On 26 July 2024, the Romanian military authorities proposed the appointment of Major General Florin-Marian BARBU to succeed Major General László STICZ as EU Force Commander for Operation ALTHEA (the ‘proposed appointment’). The EU Operation Commander of Operation ALTHEA supported the proposed appointment.
- (5) On 3 September 2024, the EU Military Committee supported the proposed appointment and agreed that Major General Florin-Marian BARBU be appointed as EU Force Commander for Operation ALTHEA.

² Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130 of 26 September 2023 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/2539 (BiH/35/2023) (OJ L, 2023/2130, 11.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2130/oj>).

- (6) A decision on the appointment of Major General Florin-Marian BARBU as EU Force Commander for Operation ALTHEA should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130 should be repealed.
- (8) On 12 and 13 December 2002, the Copenhagen European Council adopted a declaration stating that the ‘Berlin plus’ arrangements and the implementation thereof will apply only to those Member States of the Union which are also NATO members or parties to the ‘Partnership for Peace’, and which have consequently concluded bilateral security agreements with NATO,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Major General Florin-Marian BARBU is hereby appointed EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Operation ALTHEA) from 21 January 2025.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2023/2130 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 21 January 2025.

Done at ..., ...

For the Political and Security

Committee

The Chairperson
