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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2020/603 (EUTM Mali/2/2020)

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**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION  
(CFSP) 2020/...**

**of ... 2020**

**on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander  
of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training  
of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)  
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2020/603 (EUTM Mali/2/2020)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/34/CFSP of 17 January 2013 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 14, 18.1.2013, p. 19.

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision 2013/34/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mali, including decisions on the appointment of subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders.
- (2) On 16 April 2020, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/603<sup>1</sup> appointing Brigadier General František RIDZÁK as EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali.
- (3) On 25 September 2020, Spain proposed the appointment of Brigadier General Fernando Luis GRACIA HERREIZ to succeed Brigadier General František RIDZÁK as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali as from 12 January 2021.
- (4) On 23 November 2020, the EU Military Committee supported that proposal.
- (5) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General Fernando Luis GRACIA HERREIZ as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali as from 12 January 2021 should be taken.

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<sup>1</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/603 of 16 April 2020 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/2096 (EUTM Mali/1/2020) (OJ L 139, 4.5.2020, p. 65).

- (6) Decision (CFSP) 2020/603 should be repealed.
- (7) In accordance with Article 5 of 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. Consequently, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision and is neither bound by it nor subject to its application,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Brigadier General Fernando Luis GRACIA HERREIZ is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Force (EUTM Mali) as from 12 January 2021.

*Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2020/603 is hereby repealed.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 12 January 2021.

Done at Brussels, ...

*For the Political and Security Committee  
The Chairperson*