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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) 2021/561 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/4/2021)

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2021/...

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) 2021/561
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/4/2021)**

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, and 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), under the command of Rear Admiral Fabio AGOSTINI as EU Operation Commander.
- (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 Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.
- (3) On 30 March 2021, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/561¹ appointing Rear Admiral Stefano FRUMENTO as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.
- (4) On 1 September 2021, the Hellenic military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Michail MAGKOS to succeed Rear Admiral Stefano FRUMENTO as the EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 1 October 2021.

¹ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2021/561 of 30 March 2021 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/1/2021) (OJ L 119, 7.4.2021, p. 1).

- (5) On 7 September 2021, the EU Military Committee supported the recommendation made by the Hellenic military authorities.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Commodore Michail MAGKOS should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2021/561 should be repealed.
- (8) 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 implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commodore Michail MAGKOS is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 1 October 2021.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2021/561 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/1/2021) is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2021.

Done at ...,

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*
