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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) 2024/1848 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2025)

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2025/...

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) 2024/1848
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/3/2025)**

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2020/472/oj>.

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 26 June 2024, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1848², appointing Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI as EU Operation Commander from 19 July 2024.
- (4) On 3 June 2025, the Italian military authorities proposed that Rear Admiral Marco CASAPIERI succeed Rear Admiral Valentino RINALDI as EU Operation Commander from 12 September 2025.
- (5) On 17 June 2025, the EU Military Committee supported the proposed appointment made by the Italian military authorities.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Rear Admiral Marco CASAPIERI as EU Operation Commander should be taken.

² Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2024/1848 of 26 June 2024 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) (OJ L, 2024/1848, 3.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1848/oj>).

(7) Decision (CFSP) 2024/1848 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Rear Admiral Marco CASAPIERI is hereby appointed as EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 12 September 2025.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2024/1848 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 12 September 2025.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*
