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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676 (ATALANTA/4/2024)

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

of ...

**on the appointment of the EU Force Commander
for the European Union military operation
to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean
and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA)
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676
(ATALANTA/4/2024)**

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 2008/851/CFSP of 10 November 2008 on a European Union military operation to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA)¹, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

¹ OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 November 2008, the Council adopted Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, which provides for a European Union military operation to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA).
- (2) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR ATALANTA (the ‘EU Force Commander’).
- (3) On 9 October 2024, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676², appointing Commodore Armando PEREIRA DA COSTA VALENTE TINOCO as EU Force Commander.
- (4) On 31 October 2024, the Portuguese military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Alexandre Joaquim GAMURÇA SERRANO to succeed Commodore Armando PEREIRA DA COSTA VALENTE TINOCO as EU Force Commander (the ‘proposed appointment’) as from 2 December 2024.
- (5) On 5 November 2024, the EU Operation Commander of EUNAVFOR ATALANTA supported the proposed appointment.

² Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676 of 9 October 2024 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/1691 (ATALANTA/3/2024) (OJ L, 2024/2676, 11.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/2676/oj>).

- (6) On 8 November 2024, the EU Military Committee supported the proposed appointment and recommended that Commodore Alexandre Joaquim GAMURÇA SERRANO be appointed as EU Force Commander as from 2 December 2024.
- (7) A decision on the appointment of Commodore Alexandre Joaquim GAMURÇA SERRANO as EU Force Commander should be taken.
- (8) Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676 should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commodore Alexandre Joaquim GAMURÇA SERRANO is appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to maritime security in the West Indian Ocean and in the Red Sea (EUNAVFOR ATALANTA) as from 2 December 2024.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2024/2676 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 2 December 2024.

Done at Brussels, ...

*For the Political and Security
Committee
The Chairperson*