

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2017/2439**of 19 December 2017****on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (EUTM RCA/4/2017)**

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) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision (CFSP) 2016/610, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC), in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty on European Union, to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM RCA, including the decisions on the appointment of subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders.
- (2) On 26 June 2017, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/1177 ⁽²⁾ appointing Brigadier General Fernando GARCÍA BLÁZQUEZ as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM RCA.
- (3) On 20 November 2017, the Military Committee of the European Union recommended the approval of the nomination of Brigadier General Hermínio TEODORO MAIO to succeed Brigadier General Fernando GARCÍA BLÁZQUEZ as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM RCA as from 11 January 2018.
- (4) 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Brigadier General Hermínio TEODORO MAIO is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) as from 11 January 2018.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2017.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

W. STEVENS

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 104, 20.4.2016, p. 21.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2017/1177 of 26 June 2017 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (EUTM RCA/2/2017) (OJ L 170, 1.7.2017, p. 96).