

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2020/1072****of 16 July 2020****on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/1264 (EUTM Somalia/1/2020)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2010/96/CFSP of 15 February 2010 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision 2010/96/CFSP, 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 the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia), including the decisions to appoint the subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders.
- (2) Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/971 <sup>(2)</sup> amended the chain of command of EUTM Somalia.
- (3) On 23 July 2019, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/1264 <sup>(3)</sup> appointing Brigadier General Antonello DE SIO as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Somalia.
- (4) On 26 June 2020, the Director of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability proposed the appointment of Brigadier General Fabiano ZINZONE to succeed Brigadier General Antonello DE SIO as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Somalia as from 9 August 2020.
- (5) On 1 July 2020, the EU Military Committee agreed to recommend that the PSC approve this proposal.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General Fabiano ZINZONE should be taken. Decision (CFSP) 2019/1264 should be repealed.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 Fabiano ZINZONE is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia) as from 9 August 2020.

*Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2019/1264 is repealed as from 9 August 2020.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 44, 19.2.2010, p. 16.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/971 of 8 June 2017 determining the planning and conduct arrangements for EU non-executive military CSDP missions and amending Decisions 2010/96/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces, 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian armed forces (EUTM Mali) and (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union CSDP military training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (OJ L 146, 9.6.2017, p. 133).

<sup>(3)</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2019/1264 of 23 July 2019 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia) (EUTM Somalia/1/2019) (OJ L 199, 26.7.2019, p. 6).

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2020.

*For the Political and Security Committee*  
*The Chairperson*  
S. FROM-EMMESBERGER

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