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POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1494

of 23 May 2024

**on the appointment of the Head of the military command and support cell of the European Union
Security and Defence Initiative in support of West African countries of the Gulf of Guinea
(EUSDI/1/2024)**

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) 2023/1599 of 3 August 2023 on a European Union Security and Defence Initiative in support of West African countries of the Gulf of Guinea ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 3(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2023/1599, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC), in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising the political control and strategic direction of the European Union Security and Defence Initiative in support of West African countries of the Gulf of Guinea (the 'Initiative'), including decisions on the appointment of the head of the military command and support cell.
- (2) On 19 April 2024, the Spanish authorities proposed the appointment of Colonel Sergio PUEBLA GARCIA as Head of the military command and support cell of the Initiative from 15 January 2024 until 14 July 2024.
- (3) On 19 April 2024, the Military Commander for the military pillar of the Initiative supported that proposed appointment.
- (4) On 23 April 2024, the European Union Military Committee agreed to recommend that the PSC appoint Colonel Sergio PUEBLA GARCIA as Head of the military command and support cell of the Initiative.
- (5) A decision on the appointment of Colonel Sergio PUEBLA GARCIA should be taken,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Colonel Sergio PUEBLA GARCIA is hereby appointed as Head of the military command and support cell of the European Union Security and Defence Initiative in support of West African countries of the Gulf of Guinea from 15 January 2024 until 14 July 2024.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 15 January 2024.

Done at Brussels, 23 May 2024.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

D. PRONK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 196, 4.8.2023, p. 25.