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POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1996

of 16 July 2024

**on the reconfirmation of the authorisation of the European Union military operation in the
Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/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 Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8(3) thereof,

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) for the period until 31 March 2021.
- (2) Article 8(3) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 provides that, notwithstanding that period, the authorisation of the operation is to be reconfirmed every four months and that the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is to prolong the operation unless the deployment of maritime assets of the operation produces a pull effect on migration on the basis of substantiated evidence gathered according to the criteria set out in the Operations Plan.
- (3) On 20 March 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/653 ⁽²⁾, which extended EUNAVFOR MED IRINI until 31 March 2025, subject to the same reconfirmation procedure. On 26 March 2024, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/1013 ⁽³⁾, which reconfirmed the extension of EUNAVFOR MED IRINI for the thirteenth four-month sub period, from 1 April 2024 to 31 July 2024.
- (4) The Operation Commander has provided monthly pull factor reports.
- (5) The authorisation of the EUNAVFOR MED IRINI should be reconfirmed for the fourteenth four-month sub-period of its mandate and the operation should be prolonged accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The authorisation of EUNAVFOR MED IRINI is hereby reconfirmed and the operation is prolonged from 1 August 2024 to 30 November 2024.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2024.

For the Political and Security Committee

The President

D. PRONK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/653 of 20 March 2023 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (OJ L 81, 21.3.2023, p. 27).

⁽³⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2024/1013 of 26 March 2024 on the reconfirmation of the authorisation of the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/2/2024) (OJ L, 2024/1013, 2.4.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1013/oj>).