

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2019/1988**of 26 November 2019****on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/1245 (ATALANTA/4/2019)**

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 the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast ('EU Force Commander').
- (2) On 18 July 2019, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/1245 ⁽²⁾ appointing Rear Admiral Armando Paolo SIMI as EU Force Commander.
- (3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Commodore José VIZINHA MIRONES as the new EU Force Commander as from 3 December 2019.
- (4) On 25 October 2019, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2019/1245 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) 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

Commodore José VIZINHA MIRONES is hereby appointed EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) as from 3 December 2019.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2019/1245 is repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2019/1245 of 18 July 2019 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/373 (ATALANTA/2/2019) (OJ L 194, 22.7.2019, p. 2).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 3 December 2019.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 2019.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER
