

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2059**of 23 November 2021****on the reconfirmation of the authorisation of the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/5/2021)**

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 4 months and that the Political and Security Committee 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 26 March 2021, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/542 ⁽²⁾, extending the operation until 31 March 2023, subject to the same reconfirmation procedure.
- (4) The Operation Commander provided monthly pull factor reports.
- (5) The authorisation of the operation should be reconfirmed for the sixth 4-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 December 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 23 November 2021.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/542 of 26 March 2021 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 on the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) (OJ L 108, 29.3.2021, p. 57).