

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1179**of 7 July 2022****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) 2022/217 (ATALANTA/4/2022)**

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 ⁽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 (Atalanta) (the 'EU Force Commander').
- (2) On 15 February 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/217 ⁽²⁾, appointing Rear Admiral Fabrizio BONDI as the EU Force Commander.
- (3) On 30 June 2022, the EU Operation Commander recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral Riccardo MARCHIÓ as the new EU Force Commander as soon as possible.
- (4) On 30 June 2022, the EU Military Committee agreed to that recommendation.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2022/217 should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Rear Admiral Riccardo MARCHIÓ 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 7 July 2022.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2022/217 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/217 of 15 February 2022 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) 2022/41 (ATALANTA/3/2022) (OJ L 37, 18.2.2022, p. 39).

Done at Brussels, 7 July 2022.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK
