

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1224**of 13 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) 2022/1179 (ATALANTA/5/2022)**

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 7 July 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1179 ⁽²⁾, appointing Rear Admiral Riccardo MARCHIÓ as the EU Force Commander.
- (3) On 2 June 2022, the EU Operation Commander recommended the appointment of Captain (Navy) Rui Miguel Marcelo CORREIA as the new EU Force Commander as from 4 August 2022. The Portuguese authorities have indicated that Captain (Navy) Rui Miguel Marcelo CORREIA will be promoted to Commodore upon his appointment as EU Force Commander.
- (4) On 9 June 2022, the EU Military Committee agreed to that recommendation.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2022/1179 should therefore be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commodore Rui Miguel Marcelo CORREIA 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 4 August 2022.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2022/1179 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 4 August 2022.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

⁽²⁾ 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) (OJ L 183, 8.7.2022, p. 83).

Done at Brussels, 13 July 2022.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK
