

DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1164

of 13 June 2023

on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo * (EULEX KOSOVO) (EULEX KOSOVO/1/2023)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38, third paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP of 4 February 2008 on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 12(2) of Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising political control and strategic direction of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 5 June 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/1095 ⁽²⁾, amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP and extending the mandate of EULEX KOSOVO until 14 June 2025.
- (3) On 10 May 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/734 ⁽³⁾, extending the mandate of Mr Lars-Gunnar WIGEMARK as Head of Mission of EULEX KOSOVO for the period from 15 June 2022 to 14 June 2023.
- (4) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed to extend the mandate of Mr Lars-Gunnar WIGEMARK as Head of Mission of EULEX KOSOVO until 25 June 2023 and to appoint Mr Giovanni Pietro BARBANO as Head of Mission of EULEX KOSOVO from 26 June 2023 until 14 June 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The mandate of Mr Lars-Gunnar WIGEMARK as Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) is hereby extended for the period from 15 June 2023 to 25 June 2023.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 42, 16.2.2008, p. 92.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1095 of 5 June 2023 amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO (OJ L 146, 6.6.2023, p. 22).

⁽³⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/734 of 10 May 2022 extending the mandate of the Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) (OJ L 136, 13.5.2022, p. 104).

Article 2

Mr Giovanni Pietro BARBANO is hereby appointed as Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX KOSOVO) from 26 June 2023 until 14 June 2025.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 13 June 2023.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
D. PRONK
