POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION ATALANTA/6/2009

of 22 July 2009

on the appointment of an 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 Somalia coast (Atalanta)

(2009/559/CFSP)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 25 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 Somalia coast [1] (Atalanta), 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 decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander.

(2) On 17 March 2009, the PSC adopted Decision Atalanta/1/2009 [2] appointing Captain (Navy) Juan GARAT CARAMÉ as 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 Somalia coast.

(3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Commodore Peter BINDT as the new 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 Somalia coast.

(4) The EU Military Committee has supported that recommendation.

(5) In accordance with Article 6 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and implementation of decisions and actions of the European Union which have defence implications,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Commodore Peter BINDT 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 Somalia coast.

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect on 13 August 2009.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 2009.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairman

O. SKOOG

[1] OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.
[2] OJ L 76, 24.3.2009, p. 45.