DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2015/2298

of 26 November 2015

on the appointment of the EU Mission Commander for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/955 (EUTM Mali/3/2015)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/34/CFSP of 17 January 2013 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) ([1]), and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision 2013/34/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC), in accordance with Article 38 of the Treaty on European Union, to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mali, including the decisions to appoint the subsequent EU Mission Commanders.

(2) On 16 June 2015, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/955 ([2]) appointing Brigadier General Franz Xaver PFRENGLE as EU Mission Commander for EUTM Mali.

(3) On 30 September 2015, Germany recommended the appointment of Brigadier General Werner ALBL as the new EU Mission Commander for EUTM Mali to succeed Brigadier General Franz Xaver PFRENGLE.

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

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2015/955 should therefore be repealed.

(6) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Brigadier General Werner ALBL is hereby appointed EU Mission Commander for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) from 18 December 2015.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2015/955 is hereby repealed.

([1]) OJ L 14, 18.1.2013, p. 19.

([2]) Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2015/955 of 16 June 2015 on the appointment of the EU Mission Commander for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) and repealing Decision EUTM MALI/3/2014 (EUTM MALI/2/2015) (OJ L 156, 20.6.2015, p. 20).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 18 December 2015.

Done at Brussels, 26 November 2015.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
W. STEVENS