DECISIONS

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2017/1534

of 31 August 2017

on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 (EUNAVFOR MED/2/2017)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 of 18 May 2015 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) ([1]), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2015/778, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA ('EU Force Commander').

(2) On 29 March 2017, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 ([2]), appointing Rear Admiral (LH) Andrea ROMANI as EU Force Commander.

(3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral (LH) Javier MORENO SUSANNA to succeed Rear Admiral (LH) Andrea ROMANI as the new EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA as from 1 September 2017.

(4) On 23 June 2017, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 should therefore be repealed.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

Rear Admiral (LH) Javier MORENO SUSANNA is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) as from 1 September 2017.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 is hereby repealed.

([1]) OJ L 122, 19.5.2015, p. 31.
([2]) Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2017/681 of 29 March 2017 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/1079 (EUNAVFOR MED/1/2017) (OJ L 98, 11.4.2017, p. 18).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 1 September 2017.

Done at Brussels, 31 August 2017.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
W. STEVENS