POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2018/925

of 26 June 2018

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) 2018/522 (ATALANTA/2/2018)

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 European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast ('EU Force Commander').

(2) On 27 March 2018, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/522 ([2]) appointing Rear Admiral Simone MALVAGNA as EU Force Commander.

(3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral Alfonso PÉREZ DE NANCLARES Y PÉREZ DE ACEVEDO as the new EU Force Commander as from 6 August 2018.

(4) On 31 May 2018, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2018/522 should therefore be repealed.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 Alfonso PÉREZ DE NANCLARES Y PÉREZ DE ACEVEDO 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 6 August 2018.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2018/522 is repealed.

([1]) OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

([2]) Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2018/522 of 27 March 2018 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) 2017/1356 (ATALANTA/1/2018) (OJ L 87, 3.4.2018, p. 14).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 6 August 2018.

Done at Brussels, 26 June 2018.

For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson
W. STEVENS