COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/1133

of 30 July 2020

amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union CSDP Military Training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 19 April 2016, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 ([1]), which established a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) with a mandate until 24 months after the Mission reached Full Operational Capability, that is until 19 September 2018, and a financial reference amount covering that period.

(2) On 30 July 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1082 ([2]), which extended the mandate of EUTM RCA until 19 September 2020.

(3) On 28 May 2020, on the basis of a Strategic Review of the Mission, the Political and Security Committee recommended that the mandate of EUTM RCA be extended by a further two years.

(4) EUTM RCA should coordinate with the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA), once EUAM RCA is launched, and with other international actors, in particular the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), with a view to ensuring the provision of a coherent integrated support to the Government and security forces of the Central African Republic.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) In accordance with Article 5 of the 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 implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications. Consequently, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision, is neither bound by it nor subject to its application and does not participate in the financing of EUTM RCA,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 2 is amended as follows:

(i) point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) strategic advice to the President's cabinet, the Ministry of Defence, the Military Staff and the armed forces, including on civil-military cooperation;';

(ii) point (d) is deleted;

(b) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. EUTM RCA shall coordinate with the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) and other international actors, in particular MINUSCA, with a view to ensuring the provision of a coherent integrated support to the Government and security forces of the Central African Republic.';

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (OJ L 104, 20.4.2016, p. 21).

([2]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1082 of 30 July 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic (OJ L 194, 31.7.2018, p. 140).

(2) in Article 7, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. The coordination arrangements between the EU Mission Force Commander, the Union actors, in particular EUAM RCA, and local key strategic partners relevant to the operation shall be defined in the Mission Plan.';

(3) in Article 10 the following paragraph is added:

'4. The financial reference amount for the common costs of EUTM RCA for the period from 20 September 2020 until 19 September 2022 shall be EUR 36 960 000. The percentage of this reference amount referred to in Article 25(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2015/528 shall be 0 % and the percentage referred to in Article 34(3) of that Decision shall be 10 % for commitments and 0 % for payments.';

(4) in Article 13, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. EUTM RCA shall end on 19 September 2022.'.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 30 July 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH