COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/1254

of 7 September 2020

amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

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

Whereas:

(1) On 16 July 2012, the Council adopted Decision 2012/392/CFSP ([1]) establishing a European Union CSDP mission in Niger to support the capacity building of the Nigerien security actors to fight terrorism and organised crime (EUCAP Sahel Niger).

(2) On 18 September 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1247 ([2]) which extended EUCAP Sahel Niger until 30 September 2020.

(3) On 22 May 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/832 ([3]) which provides that EUCAP Sahel Niger is to contribute, without prejudice to its core mandate in Niger, to the regionalisation of CSDP action in the Sahel.

(4) On 28 May and 30 June 2020, the Political and Security Committee agreed in the context of the strategic review of EUCAP Sahel Niger to extend that mission until 30 September 2022.

(5) Decision 2012/392/CFSP should be amended accordingly.

(6) EUCAP Sahel Niger will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2012/392/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3(1), points (c) and (d) are replaced by the following:

'(c) in support of the Union's objectives on migration, strengthen the Nigerien security forces' capacities in border management and in the fight against irregular migration;

(d) facilitate national, regional and international coordination in the fight against terrorism, organised crime and irregular migration, and in border management';

(2) in Article 13(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount to cover the expenditure related to EUCAP Sahel Niger for the period from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022 shall be EUR 73 758 441,09.';

(3) in Article 16, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'It shall apply until 30 September 2022.'.

([1]) Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 48).

([2]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1247 of 18 September 2018 amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (OJ L 235, 19.9.2018, p. 7).

([3]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/832 of 22 May 2019 amending Decision 2012/392/CFSP on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (OJ L 137, 23.5.2019, p. 64).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 7 September 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH