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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2025/626 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/4/2025)

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2025/...

of ...

**on the appointment of the EU Force Commander
for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2025/626
(EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/4/2025)**

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) 2020/472 of 31 March 2020 on a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI)¹, and in particular Article 8(2) thereof,

¹ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2020/472/oj>.

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 March 2020, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, which established and launched a European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI).
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2020/472, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI (the ‘EU Force Commander’).
- (3) On 25 March 2025, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2025/626², appointing Rear Admiral Alessandro DI BIASI as EU Force Commander as from 4 April 2025.
- (4) On 4 September 2025, the Greek military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Spyridon POLLATOS to succeed Rear Admiral Alessandro DI BIASI as EU Force Commander (the ‘proposed appointment’).
- (5) On 6 September 2025, the EU Operation Commander of EUNAVFOR MED IRINI supported the proposed appointment.

² Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2025/626 of 25 March 2025 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/2641 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/1/2025) (OJ L, 2025/626, 28.3.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/626/oj>).

- (6) On 11 September 2025, the EU Military Committee supported the proposed appointment and agreed that Commodore Spyridon POLLATOS be appointed as EU Force Commander as from 3 October 2025.
- (7) A decision on the appointment of Commodore Spyridon POLLATOS as EU Force Commander should be taken.
- (8) Decision (CFSP) 2025/626 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Commodore Spyridon POLLATOS is appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) as from 3 October 2025.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2025/626 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 3 October 2025.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Political and Security Committee
The Chairperson*
