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#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919 (EUTM RCA/1/2023)

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**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/...**

of ...

**on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander  
of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission  
in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA)  
and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919  
(EUTM RCA/1/2023)**

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) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 5(1) thereof,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 104, 20.4.2016, p. 21.

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of the European Union CSDP Military Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA), including the decisions on the appointment of subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders of EUTM RCA.
- (2) On 6 October 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919<sup>1</sup> appointing Brigadier General Lino Loureiro GONÇALVES as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM RCA.
- (3) On 3 August 2023, by means of Decision (CFSP) 2023/1600<sup>2</sup>, the Council extended the mandate of EUTM RCA until 19 September 2024.
- (4) On 9 August 2023, the Romanian military authorities proposed the appointment of Brigadier General Cornel TONEA-BĂLAN to succeed Brigadier General Lino Loureiro GONÇALVES as EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM RCA.
- (5) On 23 August 2023, the EU Mission Commander supported the proposal made by the Romanian military authorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919 of 6 October 2022 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/105 (EUTM RCA/3/2022) (OJ L 263, 10.10.2022, p. 19).

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/1600 of 3 August 2023 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (OJ L 196, 4.8.2023, p. 35).

- (6) On 25 August 2023, the EU Military Committee agreed to recommend that the PSC approves the proposal made by the Romanian military authorities.
- (7) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General Cornel TONEA-BĂLAN as EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM RCA from 7 October 2023 should be taken.
- (8) Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Brigadier General Cornel TONEA-BĂLAN is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) from 7 October 2023.

*Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2022/1919 is repealed.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 7 October 2023.

Done at ...,

*For the Political and Security  
Committee  
The Chairperson*

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