

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1681**of 27 September 2022****on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/513 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/4/2022)**

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,

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 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.
- (3) On 29 March 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/513 ⁽²⁾ appointing Rear Admiral Fabrizio RUTTERI as EU Force Commander for EUNAVFOR MED IRINI.
- (4) On 26 July 2022, the Hellenic military authorities proposed the appointment of Commodore Stylianos DIMOPOULOS to succeed Rear Admiral Fabrizio RUTTERI as the EU Force Commander of EUNAVFOR MED IRINI from 1 October 2022. Those authorities have indicated that Commodore Stylianos DIMOPOULOS will be promoted to Rear Admiral upon his appointment as EU Force Commander.
- (5) On 14 September 2022, the EU Military Committee supported the recommendation made by the Hellenic military authorities.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Rear Admiral Stylianos DIMOPOULOS should be taken.
- (7) Decision (CFSP) 2022/513 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Rear Admiral Stylianos DIMOPOULOS is hereby appointed as EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) from 1 October 2022.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2022/513 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/2/2022) is hereby repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 101, 1.4.2020, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/513 of 29 March 2022 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in the Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2021/1748 (EUNAVFOR MED IRINI/2/2022) (OJ L 103, 31.3.2022, p. 12).

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2022.

Done at Brussels, 27 September 2022.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

D. PRONK
