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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 2012/389/CFSP[(1)] concerning the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity Building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR).

(2) On 12 December 2016 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/2240[(2)], which amended the Mission's mandate to focus it on capacity building in Somalia and changed the Mission's name to EUCAP Somalia.

(3) On 10 December 2018 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1942[(3)] amending Decision 2012/389/CFSP to extend EUCAP Somalia and provide it with a financial reference amount for the period until 31 December 2020. This financial reference amount was increased by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/663[(4)].

(4) In the context of the Holistic and coordinated Strategic Review of CSDP engagement in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, the Political and Security Committee agreed to extend EUCAP Somalia until 31 December 2022 and to amend its mandate.

(5) Decision 2012/389/CFSP should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2012/389/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) Articles 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

Article 2

Mission Statement

1 EUCAP Somalia shall assist Somalia in strengthening its maritime security capacity in order to enable it to enforce maritime law more effectively.

2 In addition, EUCAP Somalia shall assist Somalia in strengthening its police capacity in order to support the implementation of the Somali Transition Plan for the transfer of security responsibilities to the Somali authorities.

Article 3

Objectives and tasks

1 In order to achieve the Mission Statement set out in Article 2, EUCAP Somalia shall:

a enhance the Somali maritime civilian law enforcement capacity to exert effective maritime governance over its coastline, internal waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone;

b reinforce the Somali capacity to carry out fisheries inspections and enforcement, ensure maritime search and rescue, counter smuggling, fight piracy and police the coastal zone on land and at sea;

c strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Internal Security and of the Somali police services to implement the Somali Transition Plan for the transfer of security responsibilities to the Somali authorities.

2 In order to pursue these objectives, EUCAP Somalia shall support the Somali authorities in developing the necessary legislation and in setting up judicial authorities through:

a providing the necessary mentoring, advice, training and equipment to Somali maritime civilian law enforcement entities;

b providing advice and mentoring, as feasible, on policy, command, control and coordination, as well as providing project support and equipment, to the Ministry of Internal Security and the Somali police services in support of initiatives from the Union and international partners.

3 In order to achieve these objectives, EUCAP Somalia shall operate in accordance with the lines of operation and tasks set out in the operational planning documents approved by the Council.

4 EUCAP Somalia shall not carry out any executive function.;

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

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUCAP Somalia for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022 shall be EUR 87 780 000.;

(3) in Article 14, paragraphs 4 and 5 are replaced by the following:

4. The Head of Mission shall cooperate with the other international actors in the region, in particular the United Nations (UN) Political Office for Somalia, the UN