Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/1826 of 1 December 2020 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2020/895 (ATALANTA/3/2020)

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2020/1826

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THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 38 thereof,

Having regard to Council Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP of 10 November 2008 on a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast[(1)], and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee to take the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast ('Atalanta').

(2) On 25 June 2020, the Political and Security Committee adopted Decision (CFSP) 2020/895[(2)] appointing Rear Admiral Riccardo MARCHIÒ as EU Force Commander for Atalanta.

(3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Captain Diogo ARROTEIA as the new EU Force Commander for Atalanta as from 3 December 2020.

(4) On 22 October 2020, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.

(5) Decision (CFSP) 2020/895 should therefore be repealed.

(6) In accordance with Article 5 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark does not participate in the elaboration and the implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/1826. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Captain Diogo ARROTEIA is hereby appointed EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast (Atalanta) as from 3 December 2020.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2020/895 (ATALANTA/2/2020) is repealed.

Article 3

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

It shall apply from 3 December 2020.

Done at Brussels, 1 December 2020.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER