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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 15 April 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/219/CFSP[(1)] on the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali).

(2) On 25 June 2018, in its conclusions on Sahel/Mali, the Council underlined the importance of the regionalisation of CSDP in the Sahel with the aim of strengthening, as appropriate, the civilian and military support to cross-border cooperation, the regional cooperation structures – in particular those of the G5 Sahel – and the capacity and ownership of the G5 countries to address the security challenges in the region.

(3) On 18 February 2019, the Council approved a joint civil-military Concept of Operations on Regionalisation of CSDP action in the Sahel.

(4) On 21 February 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/312[(2)], extending EUCAP Sahel Mali and providing it with a financial reference amount until 14 January 2021.

(5) On 17 March 2020, the Political and Security Committee amended the Operations Plan for EUCAP Sahel Mali and agreed that resources provided to it for the regionalisation of CSDP action in the Sahel should be increased.

(6) Decision 2014/219/CFSP should be amended accordingly.

(7) EUCAP Sahel Mali will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 14(1) of Decision 2014/219/CFSP, the sixth and seventh paragraphs are replaced by the following:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/652. (See end of Document for details)*

The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUCAP Sahel Mali between 1 March 2019 and 14 January 2021 shall be EUR 69 650 000..

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 14 May 2020.

For the Council

The President

G. GRLIĆ RADMAN