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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 Decision 2013/34/CFSP of 17 January 2013 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)[(1)], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision 2013/34/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mali, including decisions on the appointment of subsequent EU Mission Force Commanders for EUTM Mali.

(2) On 28 November 2019, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/2096[(2)] appointing Brigadier General João Pedro RATO BOGA DE OLIVEIRA RIBEIRO as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali.

(3) On 4 December 2019, the Czech Republic proposed the appointment of Brigadier General František RIDZÁK to succeed Brigadier General João Pedro RATO BOGA DE OLIVEIRA RIBEIRO as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali as from 12 June 2020.

(4) On 24 February 2020, the EU Military Committee supported that recommendation.

(5) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General František RIDZÁK as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali as from 12 June 2020 should therefore be taken.

(6) Decision (CFSP) 2019/2096 should therefore be repealed.

(7) 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. Consequently, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision and is neither bound by it nor subject to its application,

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/603. (See end of Document for details)*

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Brigadier General František RIDZÁK is hereby appointed as the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) as from 12 June 2020.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2019/2096 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 12 June 2020.

Done at Brussels, 16 April 2020.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER