Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/289 of 19 February 2020 on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) (EUNAVFOR MED/1/2020)

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on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) (EUNAVFOR MED/1/2020)

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) 2015/778 of 18 May 2015 on a European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA)[(1)], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2015/778, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Operation Commander for EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA ('EU Operation Commander').

(2) On 18 May 2015, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2015/778 appointing Rear Admiral Enrico CREDENDINO as EU Operation Commander.

(3) The Italian Military Authorities have proposed the nomination of Rear Admiral Fabio AGOSTINI to succeed Rear Admiral Enrico CREDENDINO as EU Operation Commander.

(4) On 3 February 2020, the European Union Military Committee supported this proposal and agreed to the nomination of Rear Admiral Fabio AGOSTINI as EU Operation Commander as from 21 February 2020.

(5) 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2020/289. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

Rear Admiral Fabio AGOSTINI is hereby appointed as EU Operation Commander for the European Union military operation in the Southern Central Mediterranean (EUNAVFOR MED operation SOPHIA) as from 21 February 2020.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 21 February 2020.

Done at Brussels, 19 February 2020.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER