

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION ATALANTA/4/2010****of 19 July 2010****on the appointment of an 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)**

(2010/423/CFSP)

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 <sup>(1)</sup> (Atalanta), and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6 of Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander.
- (2) On 23 March 2010, the PSC adopted Decision Atalanta/2/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> appointing Rear Admiral (LH) Jan THÖRNQVIST as 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.
- (3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Rear Admiral Philippe COINDREAU as the new 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.

(4) The EU Military Committee supports that recommendation.

(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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Rear Admiral Philippe COINDREAU 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.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on 15 August 2010.

Done at Brussels, 19 July 2010.

*For the Political and Security Committee*  
*The Chairman*  
W. STEVENS

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 83, 30.3.2010, p. 22.