

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2020/1403**of 29 September 2020****amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/726 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (EUCAP Sahel Niger/1/2020)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 9(1) of Decision 2012/392/CFSP, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) is authorised, in accordance with the third paragraph of Article 38 of the Treaty, to take the relevant decisions for the purpose of exercising the political control and strategic direction of the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger), including the decision to appoint a Head of Mission.
- (2) On 2 May 2018, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/726 ⁽²⁾, appointing Mr Frank VAN DER Mueren as Head of Mission of EUCAP Sahel Niger from 1 May 2018 but without setting the end date of his mandate.
- (3) In order to ensure consistency in the appointments and rotations of Heads of Mission, the end date of the mandate of a Head of Mission should be included in the relevant PSC Decision.
- (4) The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has proposed that the mandate of Frank VAN DER Mueren as Head of Mission of EUCAP Sahel Niger should run until 15 January 2021.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2018/726 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision (CFSP) 2018/726 is replaced by the following:

‘Article 1

Mr Frank VAN DER Mueren is hereby appointed as Head of Mission of the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) from 1 May 2018 to 15 January 2021.’.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2018/726 of 2 May 2018 on the appointment of the Head of Mission of the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) (EUCAP Sahel Niger/1/2018) (OJ L 122, 17.5.2018, p. 32).

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 October 2020.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2020.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

S. FROM-EMMESBERGER
