

POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2022/2351**of 29 November 2022****on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali), and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/657 (EUTM Mali/2/2022)**

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 12 April 2022, the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/657 ⁽²⁾, appointing Brigadier General Radek HASALA as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali.
- (3) On 17 October 2022, the EU Mission Commander recommended the appointment of Colonel Santiago FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO to succeed Brigadier General Radek HASALA as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali. The Spanish authorities indicated that Colonel Santiago FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO would be promoted to Brigadier General before his appointment as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali.
- (4) On 25 October 2022, the EU Military Committee agreed to recommend that Colonel Santiago FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO be appointed to succeed Brigadier General Radek HASALA from mid-December 2022.
- (5) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General Santiago FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO as the EU Mission Force Commander of EUTM Mali from 15 December 2022 should therefore be taken.
- (6) Decision (CFSP) 2022/657 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Brigadier General Santiago FERNÁNDEZ ORTIZ-REPISO 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) from 15 December 2022.

Article 2

Decision (CFSP) 2022/657 is hereby repealed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 14, 18.1.2013, p. 19.

⁽²⁾ Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/657 of 12 April 2022 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander of the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali), and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2021/2209 (EUTM Mali/1/2022) (OJ L 119, 21.4.2022, p. 108).

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on 15 December 2022.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 2022.

For the Political and Security Committee

The Chairperson

D. PRONK
