

**COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2020/2032****of 10 December 2020****amending Decision 2010/96/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Articles 42(4) and 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 15 February 2010 the Council adopted Decision 2010/96/CFSP <sup>(1)</sup>, establishing a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia).
- (2) On 19 November 2018 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1787 <sup>(2)</sup>, extending EUTM Somalia until 31 December 2020.
- (3) In the context of the Holistic and coordinated Strategic Review of CSDP engagement in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, the Political and Security Committee has recommended that the mandate of EUTM Somalia be extended until 31 December 2022.
- (4) Decision 2010/96/CFSP should be amended accordingly.
- (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 implementation of decisions and actions of the Union which have defence implications. Denmark does not participate in the implementation of this Decision and therefore does not participate in the financing of this mission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision 2010/96/CFSP is amended as follows:

- (1) Article 1 is replaced by the following:

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**Mission**

1. The Union shall conduct a military training mission (EUTM Somalia), in order to contribute to the building up and strengthening of the Somali National Armed Forces (SNAF) accountable to the Somali National Government, consistent with Somali needs and priorities and to support the implementation of the Somali Transition Plan for the transfer of security responsibilities to the Somali authorities.
2. In order to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1, the EU military mission shall be deployed in Somalia in order to address both institutional building in the defence sector through strategic advice as well as direct support to SNAF through training, advice and mentoring.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2010/96/CFSP of 15 February 2010 on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (OJ L 44, 19.2.2010, p. 16).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/1787 of 19 November 2018 amending and extending Decision 2010/96/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (OJ L 293, 20.11.2018, p. 9).

3. From 2021 onwards, EUTM Somalia shall, in particular, support the development of the Somali-owned Training System with a view to gradually handing over, in principle, training to SNAF by the end of 2022. EUTM Somalia shall provide mentoring for Somali-owned and Somali-provided training and establish a capacity to track and assess units it has trained. EUTM Somalia shall also provide support, as necessary and within its means and capabilities, to other Union actors in the implementation of their respective mandates in the security and defence area in Somalia, notably to EUCAP Somalia with regard to the interoperability between SNAF and the Somali police force, and to the African Peace Facility support package, or to any future Union support to the Somali Security Forces.

4. Subject to approval by the Political and Security Committee and within its means and capabilities, EUTM Somalia shall plan and conduct decentralised activities in support of SNAF regional Headquarters.

5. The implementation of the mandated activities in Somalia shall depend on the security conditions in Somalia and political guidance by the Political and Security Committee.;

(2) in Article 3, paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

'2. The Mission Force Headquarters shall be located in Mogadishu and shall operate under the command of the EU Mission Force Commander. It shall include support cells in Brussels and Nairobi, as well as a liaison office in Djibouti. The Brussels support cell shall be located in the MPCC.;

(3) in Article 7, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

'3. EUTM Somalia shall maintain and enhance coordination with Atalanta, with EUCAP Somalia and with the relevant Union assistance programmes. The MPCC shall, in accordance with its mandate laid down in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/971 (\*), facilitate such coordination and information exchange with a view to increasing coherence, efficiency and synergies between the Common Security and Defence Policy missions and operation in the region.

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(\*) Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/971 of 8 June 2017 determining the planning and conduct arrangements for EU non-executive military CSDP missions and amending Decisions 2010/96/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces, 2013/34/CFSP on a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian armed forces (EUTM Mali) and (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union CSDP military training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (OJ L 146, 9.6.2017, p. 133).;

(4) in Article 10, the following paragraph is added:

'8. The financial reference amount for the common costs of the EU military mission for the period from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022 shall be EUR 25 234 700. The percentage of the reference amount referred to in Article 25(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2015/528 shall be 0 % and the percentage referred to in Article 34(3) of that Decision shall be 0 %.;

(5) in Article 12, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. The mandate of the EU military mission shall end on 31 December 2022.'

#### *Article 2*

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

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2020.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
M. ROTH