

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2021/5****of 15 December 2020****on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2019/783 (BiH/31/2020)**

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 2004/570/CFSP of 12 July 2004 on the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 6(1) of Joint Action 2004/570/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (the 'EU Force Commander').
- (2) On 30 April 2019 the PSC adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/783 <sup>(2)</sup> appointing Brigadier General Reinhard TRISCHAK as EU Force Commander.
- (3) The EU Operation Commander has recommended the appointment of Major General Alexander PLATZER as the new EU Force Commander to succeed Brigadier General Reinhard TRISCHAK from 15 January 2021.
- (4) The EU Military Committee agreed to the recommendation of the EU Operation Commander on 23 October 2020.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2019/783 should therefore be repealed.
- (6) 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.
- (7) On 12 and 13 December 2002, the Copenhagen European Council adopted a declaration stating that the 'Berlin plus' arrangements and the implementation thereof will apply only to those Member States of the Union which are also either NATO members or parties to the 'Partnership for Peace', and which have consequently concluded bilateral security agreements with NATO,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Major General Alexander PLATZER is hereby appointed EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina as from 15 January 2021.

*Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2019/783 is hereby repealed.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 252, 28.7.2004, p. 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2019/783 of 30 April 2019 on the appointment of the EU Force Commander for the European Union military operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2018/355 (BiH/28/2019) (OJ L 127, 16.5.2019, p. 11).

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 15 January 2021.

Done at Brussels, 15 December 2020.

*For the Political and Security Committee*

*The Chairperson*

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