

# DECISIONS

## POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION EUTM MALI/2/2013

of 12 November 2013

### on the establishment of the Committee of Contributors for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali)

(2013/696/CFSP)

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular the third paragraph of 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) <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 8(5) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 8(5) of Decision 2013/34/CFSP, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take relevant decisions on the setting-up of a Committee of Contributors (CoC) for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali).
- (2) The European Council Conclusions of Nice of 7, 8 and 9 December 2000 and those of Brussels of 24 and 25 October 2002 laid down the arrangements for the participation of third States in crisis management operations and the setting up of a CoC.
- (3) The CoC should be a forum for discussing all the problems, in relation to the management of EUTM Mali, with the contributing third States. The PSC, which exercises the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mali, should take account of the views expressed by the CoC.
- (4) 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. Consequently, Denmark is not participating in the adoption of this Decision and is neither bound by it nor subject to its application,

#### *Article 1*

#### **Establishment and terms of reference**

A Committee of Contributors (CoC) for the European Union military mission to contribute to the training of the Malian Armed Forces (EUTM Mali) is hereby established. Its terms of reference are laid down in the European Council Conclusions of Nice of 7, 8 and 9 December 2000 and those of Brussels of 24 and 25 October 2002.

#### *Article 2*

#### **Composition**

1. The CoC members shall be the following:
  - representatives of all Member States,
  - representatives of third States participating in EUTM Mali and providing significant contributions.
2. A representative of the Commission may also attend the CoC meetings.

#### *Article 3*

#### **Information from the EU Mission Commander**

The CoC shall receive information from the EU Mission Commander.

#### *Article 4*

#### **Chair**

The CoC shall be chaired by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, or by his or her representative, in close consultation with the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee, or with his or her representative.

#### *Article 5*

#### **Meetings**

1. The CoC shall be convened by the Chair on a regular basis. Where circumstances require, emergency meetings may be convened on the Chair's initiative, or at the request of a member.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 14, 18.1.2013, p. 19.

2. The Chair shall circulate in advance a provisional agenda and documents relating to the meeting. The Chair shall be responsible for conveying the outcome of the CoC's discussions to the PSC.

*Article 6*

**Confidentiality**

1. In accordance with Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Council's security rules shall apply to the meetings and proceedings of the CoC. In particular, representatives in the CoC shall possess adequate security clearance.

2. The deliberations of the CoC shall be covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, except insofar as the CoC unanimously decides otherwise.

*Article 7*

**Entry into force**

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

Done at Brussels, 12 November 2013.

*For the Political and Security Committee*

*The Chairperson*

W. STEVENS

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<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2013/488/EU of 23 September 2013 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 274, 15.10.2013, p. 1).