

**POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE DECISION (CFSP) 2023/1790****of 14 September 2023****on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander for the European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique), and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2022/1482 (EUTM Mozambique/2/2023)**

THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY COMMITTEE,

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

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/1143 of 12 July 2021 on a European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique) <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 5(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Decision (CFSP) 2021/1143, the Council authorised the Political and Security Committee (PSC) to take decisions concerning the political control and strategic direction of EUTM Mozambique, including the relevant decisions on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commanders for EUTM Mozambique.
- (2) The PSC by Decision (CFSP) 2022/1482 <sup>(2)</sup> appointed Commodore Rogério Paulo FIGUEIRA MARTINS de BRITO as EU Mission Force Commander for the EU Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique).
- (3) On 14 July 2023, the Portuguese authorities proposed Brigadier General João Carlos de BASTOS JORGE GONÇALVES to succeed Commodore Rogério Paulo FIGUEIRA MARTINS de BRITO as EU Mission Force Commander for EUTM Mozambique from 15 September 2023.
- (4) On 27 July 2023, the EU Mission Commander supported this proposal.
- (5) On 31 July 2023, the EU Military Committee recommended that Brigadier General João Carlos de BASTOS JORGE GONÇALVES be appointed as EU Mission Force Commander for EUTM Mozambique as from 15 September 2023.
- (6) A decision on the appointment of Brigadier General João Carlos de BASTOS JORGE GONÇALVES as EU Mission Force Commander for EUTM Mozambique from 15 September 2023 should be taken and Decision (CFSP) 2022/1482 should be repealed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Brigadier General João Carlos de BASTOS JORGE GONÇALVES is hereby appointed EU Mission Force Commander for the European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique) as from 15 September 2023.

*Article 2*

Decision (CFSP) 2022/1482 is hereby repealed.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 247, 13.7.2021, p. 93.

<sup>(2)</sup> Political and Security Committee Decision (CFSP) 2022/1482 of 25 August 2022 on the appointment of the EU Mission Force Commander for the European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique) (EUTM Mozambique/1/2022) (OJ L 233, 8.9.2022, p. 50).

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on 15 September 2023.

Done at Brussels, 14 September 2023.

*For the Political and Security Committee*

*The Chairperson*

D. PRONK

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