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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique

1. In accordance with Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509, the European Peace Facility (EPF) was established for the financing by Member States of Union actions under the common foreign and security policy to preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security pursuant to Article 21(2), point (c), of the Treaty. In particular, pursuant to Article 1(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2021/509, the EPF can finance actions to strengthen the capacities of third States and regional and international organisations relating to military and defence matters.

2. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the ‘High Representative’) received a beneficiary request on 6 December 2021, requesting the Union to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in the Cabo Delgado province of Mozambique.
3. On 27 June 2022, the Council approved a Concept note for an assistance measure under the EPF to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique.

4. On 20 October 2022, the High Representative submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique (doc. 13856/22).

5. On 24 November 2022, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) endorsed the proposed assistance measure under the EPF to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique and invited the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) to finalise the draft Council Decision.


7. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives' Committee is invited to:
   – confirm the agreement on the draft Council Decision;
   – recommend that the Council adopt the Council Decision on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 13857/22;