**Council of the European Union**

**'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | EUTM RCA Mission - extension - Decision |

1.  On 19 April 2016, the Council adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) with a mandate and a reference amount until 19 September 2018.

2.  Following the Strategic Review of the Mission, the Political and Security Committee recommended that the mandate of EUTM RCA be amended and extended until 19 September 2020. It is also necessary to lay down the financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUTM RCA for the period from 20 September 2018 until 19 September 2020.

3.  On 21 June 2018, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic (doc. 10461/18).

4.  On 12 July 2018, the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party (RELEX) agreed the draft Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) extending the mandate and laying down the reference amount for the period from 20 September 2018 until 19 September 2020.

5.  In the light of the foregoing, COREPER is invited to:

    –   confirm the agreement on the draft Council Decision;

    –   recommend that the Council adopt the draft Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 on a European Union military training mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA), as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 10462/18;

    –   agree on the publication of the Council Decision in the Official Journal.

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