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**Report of the High Representative of the Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
to the Council**

of 06/10/2022

**on the implementation of assistance measures under the European Peace Facility
from 1 January to 31 July 2022**

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**Report of the High Representative of the Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
to the Council**

**"Implementation of assistance measures under the European Peace Facility
from 1 January to 31 July 2022"**

Overview

In line with Article 63 of the Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 of 22 March 2021 establishing an European Peace Facility (hereafter EPF CD), the High Representative (HR) hereby presents the second report on the implementation of assistance measures (AMs) under the EPF, which covers the period from 1 January to 31 July 2022.¹

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¹ Some key developments observed over the summer beyond this reporting period have been reflected in the footnotes.

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V. Horizontal activities

Safeguards

Beneficiary arrangements

HR arrangement with a beneficiary is a prerequisite for the implementation of an AM or an action under the AM/GP-AU.

With an exception of authorities of the G5 Sahel countries and the AUC (in relation to the support to the SNA), all other beneficiaries of measures adopted and actions approved in 2021 committed to the conditions attached to the provision of support, also encompassing the signature of the Statement on the End Use of items to be provided under the EPF when relevant.

The HR arrangements with the beneficiaries of support provided under the measures adopted and actions approved in the first semester of 2022 are under preparation. Beneficiary arrangements for MNJTF and AMISOM/ATMIS under the AM/GP-AU 2022-2024 as well as for the BMTF have been already sent to the beneficiaries for co-signature.

Monitoring of the conditions of support

The end users of the EPF support are responsible for the use of delivered items and obliged to respect the commitments undertaken as soon as they sign the EPF delivery certificate.

First deliveries under the EPF took place in the first semester of 2022, thus first reports from the beneficiaries on the use of support are expected by 2024 at the earliest.

Specific on-site visits to verify respect of the conditions attached to the provision of support as well as to collect feedback and lessons from AMs may be conducted as of 2023, in particular to assess the AMs, which implementation will have been completed.

So far, there have been no firm indications of infringements of the conditions, in particular with respect to IHRL/IHL by any of the end-users of equipment provided under the EPF.

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