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

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**on the implementation of assistance measures under the European Peace Facility
until 31 December 2022**

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**"Implementation of assistance measures under the European Peace Facility
until 31 December 2022"**

Overview

In line with Article 63 of the Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 of 22 March 2021 establishing a European Peace Facility (hereafter EPF CD), the High Representative (HR) hereby presents the third report on the implementation of assistance measures (AMs) under the EPF.

The report provides an update on the political, operational and financial aspects of support under the AMs adopted and actions¹ approved since the EPF's inception until 31 December 2022.

Overall, 2022 has been a highly active year for the EPF. The mobilisation of the European Peace Facility (EPF) in response to Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine marked a paradigm shift for EU foreign and security policy. In 2022, the EU adopted six support packages of support under the EPF for the delivery of defensive military equipment to the Ukrainian Armed Forces for a total amount of EUR 3.1 billion. The EU has also provided EPF support to the Ukrainian Armed Forces trained by the EU Military Assistance Mission (EUMAM Ukraine).

In addition, the EPF financed military components of African-led peace support operations under the assistance measure taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union (AMISOM/ATMIS, MNJTF, SAMIM). Furthermore, the Facility funded a number of assistance measures aimed at strengthening capacities of partners on military and defence matters in the Eastern Neighbourhood (Georgia and Moldova), the Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Balkan Medical Task Force), the Southern Neighbourhood (Lebanon) and in Africa (support to Mozambique, Niger, Mauritania). It has also covered the common costs of military CSDP missions and operations under the Operations pillar of the EPF. The number of assistance measures and their overall breakdown mirror the global nature of the instrument.

The European Council in December 2022 welcomed the agreement in the Council ensuring financial sustainability of the EPF thus sending a clear political signal of the EU's enduring commitment to military support for Ukraine and other partners alike. The Council agreed to raise the overall financial ceiling of the Facility by EUR 2 billion (in 2018 prices), while acknowledging that the evolution of the international security environment could make further increases of the EPF

¹ Actions under the assistance measure taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union.

overall financial ceiling necessary until 2027, up to a total increase in the ceiling of EUR 5.5 billion (in 2018 prices).

Following the Political and Security Committee (PSC) strategic orientations, the AMs and actions outlined in this paper have been developed and implemented based on the EU Integrated Approach. This includes needs assessments conducted by the European External Action Service (EEAS) in close coordination and consultation with relevant Commission services, EU Delegations, diplomatic missions of EU Member States (MS) as well as other relevant actors.

In line with Article 9 of the EPF CD, the PSC is invited to take due account of this reporting in view of the PSC review of the strategic orientation for AMs and operations in 2023.

An overview of the AMs adopted and actions approved so far is provided at the end of this report (Table 1).

1. State of play of Assistance Measures in Africa

1.1. Assistance measures taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union

On 22 July 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/1210 on an AM taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union (AM/GP-AU 2021) in the second half of 2021, with a financial reference amount of EUR 130,000,000.00. On the basis of recommendations from the HR, the PSC approved four actions under this AM.

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On 21 April 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/667 on an AM taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union for the period 2022 – 2024 (AM/GP-AU 2022-2024), with a financial reference amount of EUR 600,000,000.00. On the basis of recommendations from the HR, the PSC approved three actions under this AM in 2022.

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1.1.1. Support to the AU Mission in Somalia/AU Transition Mission in Somalia (AMISOM/ATMIS)

Political aspects

On 21 July 2021, the PSC approved an action in support of the military component of AMISOM for the period 1 July-31 December 2021 amounting to EUR 65,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2021.

On 6 July 2022, the PSC approved an action in support of the military component of AMISOM/ATMIS for the period 1 January-31 December 2022 amounting to EUR 120,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2022-2024.

The actions aimed at enabling the military component of AMISOM to fulfil its mandate, with a focus on the gradual transfer of security responsibilities to the Somali Security Forces (SSF), in line

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with United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 2568 (2021), 2628 (2022) and the Somali Transition Plan.

The reconfiguration of AMISOM into ATMIS was completed and the new Mission came into effect on 1 April 2022. Resolution 2628 (2022) reemphasised the objective of enabling the SSF, through support from ATMIS, to progressively take the lead on the provision of security, and to take full responsibility by the end of 2024.

On 21 December 2022, the UNSC adopted UNSCR 2670 (2022).² It authorises a delay of the drawdown of 2 000 ATMIS troops by six months, until 30 June 2023, as requested by the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) with the support of the AU Peace and Security Council. The UNSC also decided to hold a formal meeting on the transition in Somalia no later than 31 March 2023, with the participation of the FGS, the AU, the EU as well as ATMIS troop contributing countries. This will provide an opportunity to discuss progress in the mission's drawdown as well as the AU's mobilisation of financial support for ATMIS.

Operational aspects

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In parallel to the EPF support to the military component of AMISOM/ATMIS, support to the Mission's civilian and police components in the second half of 2021 and in 2022 was provided from remaining funds under the APF Action Programme 2019-2020.

² <http://unscr.com/en/resolutions/doc/2670>

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Financial aspects

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1.1.2. Support to the Somali National Army (SNA)

Political aspects

On 17 November 2021, the PSC approved an action in support of the SNA for the period 1 January 2022 – 30 June 2023 amounting to EUR 20,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2021.

The action aims at further building the capacities of the SNA and contributing to the gradual handover of security responsibilities from AMISOM/ATMIS to the SSF, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2568 (2021) and the Somali Transition Plan.

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1.1.3. Support to the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram

Political aspects

On 16 December 2021, the PSC approved an action in support of the Multi-National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) against Boko Haram (BH) for the period 1 January-30 June 2022 amounting to EUR 10,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2021.

On 29 March 2022, the PSC approved an action in support of the MNJTF against BH for the period 1 July-31 December 2022 amounting to EUR 10,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2022-2024.

The objective of these actions was to enhance the operational effectiveness of the MNJTF with the aim to create a safe and secure environment in the areas affected by the activities of BH and other terrorist groups.

The approved support covered personnel and operational/logistical costs, including ground and air transportation, communication equipment and medical services, to enable the MNJTF to effectively carry out its mandate.

The EU is considered as an important partner of the Force and its support is crucial to ensure the fulfilment of the MNJTF's mandate. It also contributes, de facto, to the implementation of the recovery and stabilisation strategy for the Lake Chad. In particular, EU support, through the EPF and the APF, has contributed to strengthening MNJTF's capacities, notably in the following areas: Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR); protection of troops during the operations; medical support, nautical, aerial and ground mobility.

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Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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1.1.4. Support to the G5 Sahel Joint Force (G5SJF)

Political aspects

On 15 December 2021, the PSC approved an action in support of the G5 Sahel Joint Force (G5SJF) under the AM/GP-AU 2021 amounting to EUR 35,000,000.00 for the period 1 January 2022-30 June 2024.

The requested support is in line with the objectives defined in the Roadmap of the Coalition for the Sahel. The approved action aims at enhancing two main lines of effort: i) contribute to strengthening the resilience of the G5SJF: ii) contribute to increasing capacities to ensure maintenance of equipment with a view to ensuring its sustainability. G5SJF troops receive regular trainings in the area of IHL/IHRL.

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On 30 April 2022, the PSC decided to temporarily and reversibly suspend the EPF support to the Malian battalions of the G5SJF. In May 2022, Mali suspended its participation in the G5 Sahel. In June 2022, Mali chose to suspend its participation in the G5SJF.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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1.1.5. Support to the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)

Political aspects

On 8 December 2022, the PSC approved an action in support of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)³ amounting to EUR 15,000,000.00 under the AM/GP-AU 2022-2024.

The action will provide equipment not designed to deliver lethal force to support the military component of the SAMIM, including mobility assets, technological devices and medical equipment, as well as an infrastructure component for works on forward-operating bases (FOBs).

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The support to SAMIM complements the AM benefiting military units trained by EUTM Mozambique (see section 1.2.2.) and the AM in support to the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique (see section 1.2.3.)

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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³ Ten of SADC's 16 Member States are contributing personnel to SAMIM; namely Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, with Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa and Tanzania providing combat troops.

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1.2. Bilateral Assistance Measures in Africa

1.2.1. Assistance measure to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Mali in conjunction with the EU Training Mission in Mali (EUTM Mali)

Political aspects

On 2 December 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2137 on an AM to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Mali amounting to EUR 24,000,000.00.

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Consequently, the PSC started discussions in early 2022 to assess the most suitable response from the EU, in the context of the Strategic Review of EUTM Mali. On 30 April 2022, the PSC decided to suspend temporarily and reversibly the EPF support to the Malian Armed Forces, with the exception of the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the renovation of the NCO Academy.

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Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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1.2.2. Assistance measure to support military units trained by the EU Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique)

Political aspects

Following the establishment of EUTM Mozambique on 12 July 2021, the Council approved an urgent measure of EUR 4,000,000.00 on 30 July 2021 (on the basis of Concept Note 10547/1/21 REV 1 EU-R), and on 19 November 2021 adopted Decision (CFSP) 2021/2032 establishing an AM of EUR 40,000,000.00 to support five military units trained by the EUTM. On 21 April 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/668 to increase the reference amount of the AM by EUR 45,000,000.00 to address the needs of all eleven units to be trained. Total support to Mozambique under this AM and the urgent measure now equals EUR 89,000,000.00.

This support will allow the aforementioned units to develop the necessary and sustainable capacities to restore safety and security in Mozambique's northern Cabo Delgado province, thereby enabling the presence of accountable law enforcement agencies in order to protect the civilian population, and the return of accountable State structures delivering their services across Cabo Delgado. Equipment is provided exclusively to units that are trained by EUTM Mozambique.

The AM benefiting military units trained by EUTM Mozambique is complemented by support to the SAMIM (see section 1.1.5.) and support to Rwandan deployment in Mozambique (see section 1.2.3.).

Operational aspects

Urgent measure

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Assistance Measure

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Financial aspects

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1.2.3. Assistance Measure to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique

Political aspects

On 1 December 2022, the Council adopted Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2354 on an AM to support the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique with a financial reference amount of EUR 20,000,000.00.

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The objective of the AM is to support the continued deployment of units of the Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique's northern province of Cabo Delgado in order to extend, protect and sustain the territorial and tactical gains they have made so far. This should ensure the security and the protection of the civilian population in Mozambique's northern provinces and facilitate the return of law enforcement agencies and of other accountable state structures that deliver services for the benefit of the population.

To achieve this objective, the AM will contribute to supporting the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force units deployed in Mozambique. The financial support provided under this AM will not be used for the supply of military equipment, or platforms, designed to deliver lethal force, or to pay salaries or allowances of the troops.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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1.2.4. Assistance Measure to support the Nigerien Armed Forces

Political aspects

On 18 July 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1236 on an AM to support the Nigerien Armed Forces, with a financial reference amount of EUR 25,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to strengthen the capabilities and resilience of the Nigerien Armed Forces to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Niger and to better protect the civilian population including against the mounting terrorist threat.

To achieve this objective, the AM consists of two components: i) support to the establishment of an Armed Forces' Technicians Training Centre ("*Centre de formation des techniciens de l'armée*"-CFTA) to centralise, strengthen and better structure the operational support capacities of the Nigerien Armed Forces; ii) support to the Nigerien Armed Forces, notably the "*Chef d'Etat-Major des Armées*" and the "*Direction Centrale du Génie Militaire et des Infrastructures*" to establish a forward operating base in Kolman, Tillabéri region.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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1.2.5. Assistance Measure to support the Mauritanian Armed Forces

Political aspects

On 1 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2355 on an AM to support the Mauritanian Armed Forces, with a financial reference amount of EUR 12,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to enhance the capacities of the *Bataillon des fusiliers marins* of Rosso, the *Bataillon des fusiliers de l'air* and military medical centres in Military Regions 2 and 3.

To achieve the objective, the AM will finance the following types of equipment not designed to deliver lethal force: riverine and technical equipment for the *Bataillon des fusiliers marins*; protective equipment kits including military uniforms for the *Bataillon des fusiliers de l'air*; intensive care equipment and surgical equipment for the medical centres in the Military Regions.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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2. State of play of Assistance Measures in the Eastern Neighbourhood

2.1. Assistance measure to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces (2021)

Political aspects

On 2 December 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2135 on an AM to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF), with a financial reference amount of EUR 31,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to build up the capabilities of the UAF in the i) medical, ii) engineering (including demining equipment), and iii) mobility/logistic branches, as well as iv) cyber defence.

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Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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2.2. Assistance measures to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces (2022)

Political aspects

In response to Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression of Ukraine and following the Ukrainian request of 25 February 2022 for urgent assistance, on 28 February 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/338 on an AM for the supply to the UAF of military equipment, and platforms, designed to deliver lethal force, and Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/339 on an AM to support the UAF.

In 2022, the EU adopted further five support packages for the delivery of defensive military equipment to support the Ukrainian Armed Forces: on 23 March 2022, 13 April 2022, 23 May 2022, 21 July 2022, and 17 October 2022 for a total amount of EUR 3,100,000,000.00⁴.

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⁴ Adjusted figure including additional contributions from constructively abstaining MS.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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2.3. Assistance Measure (lethal) accompanying EUMAM Ukraine

Political aspects

On 14 November 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2245 to support the UAF trained by the European Union Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine (EUMAM Ukraine) with military equipment, and platforms, designed to deliver lethal force, with a financial reference amount of EUR 16,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to support the capacity building of the UAF in order to allow the UAF to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine as well as to protect the civilian population against the ongoing war of aggression instigated by Russia.

The AM complements the training efforts led by EUMAM Ukraine and finances the provision by MS of ammunition, military equipment, and platforms, designed to deliver lethal force, as required to meet the operational requirements of EUMAM Ukraine, and services, including transportation, custody and maintenance and repair of the items made available by MS, for the training under EUMAM Ukraine.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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2.4. Assistance Measures to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova

Political aspects

On 2 December 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2136 on an AM to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova, with a financial reference amount of EUR 7,000,000.00.

On 30 June 2022, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2022/1093 on an AM to support the Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova, with a financial reference amount of EUR 40,000,000.00.

The objective of the 2021 AM is to support strengthening the capabilities and operational effectiveness of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova, in particular of the Military Medical Service and Engineering Battalion. The 2022 AM will strengthen the capacities of the Moldovan Armed Forces' logistics, mobility, command and control, cyber defence, unmanned aerial reconnaissance and tactical communications units by providing relevant non-lethal equipment, supplies and services.

Since the adoption of the 2021 measure, the security situation in the Eastern Neighbourhood has changed significantly due to Russia's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression of Ukraine, raising the importance of further strengthening the resilience of the Republic of Moldova.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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2.5. Assistance measure to support the Georgian Defence ForcesPolitical aspects

On 2 December 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/2134 on an AM to support the Georgian Defence Forces, with a financial reference amount of EUR 12,750,000.00.

On 1 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2352 on an AM to support the Georgian Defence Forces, with a financial reference amount of EUR 20,000,000.00.

The overall objective of both AMs is to contribute to strengthening the Georgian Defence Forces' capacities to enhance national security, stability and resilience in the defence sector, in line with Union policy on Georgia.

The 2021 AM aims at strengthening of the Georgian Defence Forces' capacities in the military medical, engineering and logistics services of the land force component by providing medical and engineering equipment as well as civilian-type mobility assets.

The 2022 AM will allow the Georgian Defence Forces to enhance operational effectiveness, accelerate compliance with Union standards and interoperability, and thereby better protect civilians in crises and emergencies. It will also strengthen the beneficiary's capacities with regard to its participation in EU military common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations as well as in other multinational operations. The specific objective of the AM is to strengthen the capacities of the Georgian Defence Forces' military medical, engineering, mobility and cyber defence units.

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Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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3. State of play of Assistance Measures in the Western Balkans

3.1. Assistance measure to enhance the capacity of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBiH)

Political aspects

On 4 November 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/1923 on an AM to support capacity building for the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Hercegovina (AFBiH) with a financial reference amount of EUR 10,000,000.00.

On 1 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2022/2353 on an AM to support capacity building for the Tactical Support Brigade of the AFBiH, with a financial reference amount of EUR 10,000,000.00.

The objective of the 2021 AM is to enhance and upgrade the capabilities of the Demining Battalion of the AFBiH through the provision of transportation vehicles, medical vehicles and metal detectors. Besides the expected positive impact on the mine situation in Bosnia and Hercegovina (BiH), this is an important step to increase the future participation of the AFBiH Demining Battalion in regional and international operations, including in the framework of the EU CSDP and the UN.

The objective of the 2022 AM is to improve the security and deployment conditions of the AFBiH as well as upgrade a limited number of operational capabilities, specifically in Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) as well as defensive and early warning capabilities.

Both AMs were developed in close cooperation with Operation Althea.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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3.2. Assistance measure to enhance the capacity of the Balkan Medical Task Force (BMTF)

Political aspects

On 9 June 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/906 on an AM to support capacity building of the BMTF, with a financial reference amount of EUR 6,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to enhance the capacity of the BMTF and of the medical units of eligible participating states, namely the Armed Forces of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia by procuring the necessary equipment and materiel in order to strengthen the military medical capabilities in the region and ultimately civilian relief efforts.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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4. State of play of Assistance Measures in the Southern Neighbourhood

4.1. Assistance Measure to support the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF)

Political aspects

On 1 December 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/2356 on an AM to support the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), with a financial reference amount of EUR 6,000,000.00.

The objective of the AM is to enhance the capabilities and the resilience of the LAF to ensure the national security and stability of Lebanon, through the enhancement of their military medical capacities, and the provision of equipment for the LAF's operational personnel.

To achieve the objective, the AM will finance equipment not designed to deliver lethal force, namely healthcare equipment to support the military medical services (central and regional centres) and individual equipment for the logistic brigade.

Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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5. Concept Notes

5.1. Concept Note for an AM to support military actors and navies of coastal states involved in maritime security operations in the Gulf of Guinea, including a Preparatory Measure

Political aspects

On 4 May 2022, the Council approved the Concept Note (ST 7387/22) for an AM to support military actors and navies of coastal states involved in maritime security operations in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG).

The purpose of the foreseen measure is to support African-led maritime security and anti-piracy activities conducted by military actors in the GoG as well as reduce security spill overs from the Lake Chad Basin, the Sahel and North Africa with the ultimate objective to reduce the incidence, duration and intensity of violence and criminality, to protect navies, coastal populations and their livelihoods.

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A preparatory measure (PM), as provided for in Article 57(2) of the EPF Decision, was approved as part of the Concept Note, in order to assess the needs and possible assistance under this AM.

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Operational aspects

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Financial aspects

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5.2. Concept Note for an EPF assistance measure to support the Nigerien Armed Forces

On 13 December 2022, the Council approved the Concept Note (ST 14351/22 INIT) for an AM to support the Nigerien Armed Forces (“Force Armées Nigeriennes” FAN) with military equipment designed to deliver lethal force.

In line with the Nigerien Government’s priorities to increase the military capabilities of FAN and to support the reform process in the area of security and defence, the proposed support will contribute to the Nigerien operational efforts against non-State Armed Groups (NSAG), and to increase FAN’s fighting capabilities in order to defeat these NSAG conducting large-scale attacks across the country.

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This measure would complement the adopted AM to support the FAN with non-lethal equipment (AM Niger 2022), and contribute to a further strengthening of the capabilities and resilience of the Nigerien Armed Forces to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Niger, and to better protect the civilian population against the mounting terrorist threat.

The HR proposal for an AM will be developed on this basis and put forward by the HR in the first quarter of 2023. Once adopted, this would be the first AM in Africa providing military equipment designed to deliver lethal force.

6. Horizontal activities

6.1. Financial sustainability of the EPF

The political will to continue supporting Ukraine under the EPF, combined with the unquestioned intention to fulfil the Facility’s global geographical ambition, have made an increase of the EPF overall financial ceiling necessary. On 12 December 2022, the Council agreed to increase the overall financial ceiling by EUR 2,000,000,000.00 (in 2018 prices). Moreover, it acknowledged that the evolution of the international security environment could make further increases necessary until 2027.⁵

⁵ The relevant amendment of Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 was adopted on 13 March 2023. On 20 March 2023, the Council agreed to consider a further increase of the overall financial ceiling of the EPF by EUR 3.5 billion, as anticipated on 12 December 2022.

6.2. Safeguards

Beneficiary arrangements

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

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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.

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

The 2022 AMs to support the UAF

At the request of the HR, the Ukrainian authorities committed to ensuring that equipment provided to the UAF remains within their possession during military actions or in stocks of the UAF. The Government of Ukraine also committed to fully comply with IHL/IHRL, and to ensure maintenance, safe and secure management and storage of the delivered weapons and ammunition in accordance with relevant standards. **DELETED**

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6.3. Information policy

The EEAS has followed an active information policy providing the Council, the European Parliament, research centres and local and international NGOs with regular updates on the state of play regarding the EPF, while respecting the relevant provisions of the CFSP. The EEAS has received positive feedback about information provided.

Civil society actors as well as human rights and humanitarian organisations have been informed on proposals for AM and actions under the AM/GP-AU and consulted on the monitoring aspects of the support.

In addition, information on the 2021 EPF activities was included in the draft 24th EU Annual Report on Arms Exports, informing on arms sales authorised by MS in 2021, which was published in October 2022.

6.4. Communication activities

The EEAS has provided inputs for press releases on the occasion of adoption of AMs and approval of actions under the AM/GP-AU. Close coordination has been established with the administrator for AMs to ensure timely information on deliveries. This paved the way for a number of tweet opportunities to inform about deliveries of equipment to Ukraine, Mozambique as well as on the occasion of Norway's financial contribution to the EU Military Assistance Mission through the EPF for Ukraine. Contracts with implementing actors included clauses that require priori approval of the administrator for AMs of any visibility or communication activity during the implementation of AMs. The EEAS also continued engaging bilaterally in outreach to all MS on the EPF. Finally, a regularly updated EPF factsheet for public use is available on the EEAS website. Going forward, the EEAS will look to increase its engagement on strategic communications activities, pending the necessary resources.

6.5. Rules on public access to documents

The EEAS as well as the Commission have continued dealing with increasingly complex requests for public access to EPF documents. The EEAS coordinated with the EPF administrators a drafting exercise culminating in a proposal by the HR for a Decision by the EPF Committee on the rules for public access to documents held by the EPF. The aim of these rules is to implement Article 71 on Public Access to Documents of the EPF CD. The proposal was adopted by the EPF Committee on 13 July 2022.

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Table 1. An overview of the AMs adopted since the EPF's inception

Assistance Measure		Date of adoption	DELETED	Budget
Africa: General Programme for AU	Assistance measure taking the form of a general programme for support to the African Union	22 July 2021		2021: EUR 130 million
		21 April 2022		2022-24: EUR 600 million
	African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM /ATMIS)	21 July 2021	DELETED	EUR 65 million
		6 July 2022		EUR 120 million
	Support to the Somali National Army (SNA)	17 November 2021	DELETED	EUR 20 million
	Multi-National Joint Task Force against Boko Haram - MNJTF	16 December 2021	DELETED	EUR 10 million
		29 March 2022		EUR 10 million
	G5 Sahel Joint Force ⁶	15 December 2021	DELETED	EUR 35 million
	Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)	8 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 15 million
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Africa: Bilateral	Malian Armed Forces / EU Training Mission in Mali ⁷	2 December 2021	DELETED	EUR 24 million
	Mozambican Armed Forces / EU Training Mission in Mozambique	30 July 2021	DELETED	EUR 4 million
		19 November 2021		EUR 40 million
		21 April 2022		EUR 45 million
	Rwanda Defence Force in Mozambique	1 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 20 million
	Nigerien Armed Forces	18 July 2022	DELETED	EUR 25 million
	Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania	1 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 12 million

⁶ MS decided to suspend the EPF support to the Malian battalions of the G5SJJF.

⁷ MS decided to suspend two components of this AM.

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Eastern Neighbourhood	Ukrainian Armed Forces	2 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 31 million
		28 February 2022	DELETED	EUR 3.1 billion ⁸
		23 March 2022		
		13 April 2022		
		23 May 2022		
		22 July 2022		
		17 October 2022		
		14 November 2022	DELETED	EUR 16 million
	Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova	2 December 2021	DELETED	EUR 7 million
		30 June 2022	DELETED	EUR 40 million
	Georgian Defence Forces	2 December 2021	DELETED	EUR 12.75 million
		1 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 20 million
Western Balkans	Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 November 2021	DELETED	EUR 10 million
		1 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 10 million
	Balkan Medical Task Force	9 June 2022	DELETED	EUR 6 million
			DELETED	
Southern Neighbourhood	Lebanese Armed Forces	1 December 2022	DELETED	EUR 6 million
			DELETED	

⁸ Under two AMs (lethal and non-lethal).