

**Question for written answer E-003055/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Safeguards attached to top-up support to the Rwanda Defence Force (RDF) under the European Peace Facility (EPF)

In November 2024 the Council adopted an EUR 20 million top-up support measure under the EPF for the deployment of the RDF in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique, despite concerns over Rwanda's support for the Congolese rebel military group M23 and the lack of safeguards under the EU's initial EPF support.

What measures is the Commission taking to address concerns that, according to a report by a UN panel of experts,¹ Major General Emmy Ruvusha, the current Rwanda Security Forces (RSF) commander,² served in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo?

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¹ Final report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n23/123/80/pdf/n2312380.pdf>.

² Mozambique, Rwanda military officials discuss operations in Cabo Delgado, The New Times, 21 November 2024, <https://www.newtimes.co.rw/article/22018/news/africa/mozambique-rwanda-military-officials-discuss-operations-in-cabo-delgado>.