

**Priority question for written answer P-003965/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Implementing Decision on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of the Republic of Rwanda for 2025

The Commission has recently adopted the Implementing Decision on the financing of the annual action plan in favour of the Republic of Rwanda for 2025.

1. Given the repeated calls by Parliament to suspend the EU-Rwanda Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on sustainable raw materials value chains until clear conditions are met, and considering that the MoU itself is currently under revision and does not yet have a roadmap in place, how does the Commission justify allocating new financial resources to Rwanda?
2. UN resolutions establish that Rwanda, through the armed group M23, is illegally occupying part of the territory of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) territory and exploiting its mineral resources, while the EU itself has sanctioned individuals linked to M23, as well as a Rwandan mining company. How would allocating additional EU funding to Rwanda contribute to the fight against illegal mineral trafficking, rather than risk reinforcing practices of plundering minerals in the DRC?
3. Given the grave human rights violations and war crimes attributed to Rwandan forces or allies, and bearing in mind the Foreign Affairs Council's conclusions on Rwanda, how does the Commission believe financing this action plan will contribute to stabilising the situation in eastern DRC, uphold EU values, and ensure coherence between EU external action and adopted positions?

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