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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell i Fontelles
on behalf of the European Commission
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The assistance measure for the Rwanda Defence Force deployment in Mozambique is limited to support their response to the situation in Cabo Delgado, following the specific call for assistance from the Mozambican authorities. It is aimed at supporting Mozambique in its efforts to address the security crisis in Cabo Delgado and restore peace and security.

As for any support under the European Peace Facility¹ (EPF), for any country, the assistance measure is underpinned by commitments that the beneficiary needs to take ahead of the provision of the support, which are monitored by the European External Action Service. This entails a set of controls, safeguards, and monitoring measures, as per the legal basis establishing the EPF, designed to ensure the adequate use of the equipment and respect for human rights and international humanitarian law.

Should there be any credible report of a misuse of the EU's support, as for any support under the EPF for any country, the EU can either partially or wholly suspend the measure, or completely terminate it. In urgent cases, the High Representative has the capacity to provisionally suspend it until a final decision is taken by the Council.

¹ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 of 22 March 2021 establishing a European Peace Facility, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/528, OJ L 102, 24.3.2021, p. 14–62.