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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Protecting civilians, ending the violence and tackling the drivers of conflict in Eastern Congo requires a holistic response by the region as a whole. The EU is contributing by strengthening the Congolese security and law enforcement apparatus, supporting local and regional conflict mediation initiatives as well as activities aimed at tackling hate speech and extremism. The Allied Democratic Forces as a group and several of its senior leaders are subject to United Nations (UN) sanctions. One of its senior leaders is also subject to EU restrictive measures.
2. The EU has been actively supporting, publicly and diplomatically, the African-led Luanda and the Nairobi processes. It has recently intensified its outreach to key actors in the region, with calls and meetings involving the President of the European Council, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the EU Special Representative for the Great Lakes region. It will continue to do so.
3. The EU has been extremely active in the provision of humanitarian aid to the populations in need in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It has already made available EUR 60 million for the humanitarian response in country in 2025, in addition to financing humanitarian aid flights transporting cargo and humanitarian workers in the country and humanitarian advocacy efforts. The EU has supported and welcomed the decision by the UN Human Rights Council of 7 February 2025 to establish an independent fact-finding mission on the serious human rights violations and violations of international humanitarian law committed in North Kivu and South Kivu, in the eastern DRC, to be followed by an independent commission of inquiry.