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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Decision of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 June 2025¹ establishes the legal framework for the provision of macro-financial assistance (MFA) to Egypt and its Article 2(1) foresees that Egypt continues to make concrete and credible steps towards respecting democratic mechanisms, the rule of law and human rights.

The EU will continue to closely monitor progress in Egypt's political reform agenda defined by its domestic and international commitments. In order to assess progress, the EU will be looking as a guiding framework at Egypt's international human rights commitments (such as the Universal Periodic Review recommendations endorsed in July 2025²) and its declared national goals part of its national human rights strategy and Constitution. The EU will closely monitor progress across the three political parameters set out in Decision 2025/1267 throughout the lifecycle of the MFA (as per Article 2(2)). The Commission's annual report on MFA will contain information on the implementation of the Decision that will include an evaluation of concrete and credible steps taken towards respecting democratic mechanisms and the rule of law and guaranteeing human rights as stated in Article 8(1)(c) of the Decision.

Article 4(4) of the Decision foresees that the Commission shall temporarily suspend or cancel the disbursement of the EU's MFA, should the conditions set out in Article 4(3)(a), not be met, where these conditions [indeed] include the above-mentioned requirement of concrete and credible steps. Furthermore, Article 4(4) foresees that in such cases, the Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council without delay of the reasons for that suspension or cancellation.

¹ Decision (EU) 2025/1267 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2025 providing macro-financial assistance to the Arab Republic of Egypt, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/1267/oj/eng>.

² <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/eg-index>.