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Question for written answer E-003632/25

**to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: EU sends millions in funding while Mozambique faces rising Islamic State attacks, more beheadings of Christians, and thousands displaced

Terrorism in northern Mozambique escalated during summer 2025, with a violent August marked by multiple attacks from extremist Islamic State fighters in Cabo Delgado. These raids mainly targeted Christians, involving brutal beheadings, church burnings and the forced displacement of thousands of people. Despite the crisis, EU institutions remain silent, and Mozambican forces, even with support from the Southern African Development Community and Rwanda, have failed to contain the violence. In 2024, Mozambique received about EUR 2.2 billion in official development assistance, with the EU contributing at least EUR 430 million since 2021, including over EUR 90 million for peace efforts. French company TotalEnergies plans to restart gas exploration in September 2025 after suspending operations in 2021 owing to terrorism that has caused over 6 000 deaths since 2017. Over 100 000 people were displaced in 2025, with one million at risk and in urgent need of aid, according to the UN.

In the light of the above:

1. What is the status of EU-Mozambique technical and police cooperation, and why were capacity-building programmes stopped?
2. What progress has the EU Military Assistance Mission made in supporting local forces to protect civilians and restore security in Cabo Delgado?
3. What measures is the EU mission taking to protect people, especially Christian minorities, as TotalEnergies, partly owned by France, reactivates its major liquified natural gas project, potentially positioning Mozambique once again as a top gas producer globally, second only to Qatar?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission

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1. There is currently no EU programme supporting the Mozambican police, and none has been discontinued. The EU does not provide general technical assistance or training to regular police personnel, though some specialised capacity-building activities, embedded within broader programmes, continue.
2. The EU and Mozambique have a longstanding partnership covering a wide range of fields, including the security and defence sector. The EU supports the efforts of Mozambique in promoting peace in Cabo Delgado and its neighbouring provinces. The Council launched the European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique) on 15 October 2021, upon request from the Mozambican government to support their armed forces through a training and capacity building mission. EUTM Mozambique trained selected Mozambican units to compose 11 Quick Reaction Forces (QRF) to help the local armed forces in protecting the civilian population and restoring safety and security in the Cabo Delgado province. Building on the results of EUTM Mozambique, the EU military partnership with Mozambique has continued with the EU Military Assistance Mission Mozambique launched on 1 September 2024 (EUMAM Mozambique), which aim is to ensure that the 11 QRF units trained by EUTM Mozambique become self-sufficient by June 2026. The respect of international humanitarian law and international human rights law has been the cornerstone of the trainings provided. The current mandate runs until 30 June 2026 and the ongoing strategic review will be presented to Member States in the beginning of 2026.
3. As defined in the Council Decision 2024/1354 of 14 May 2024 ⁽¹⁾, the mandate of EUMAM Mozambique is to help the country independently prepare and employ the units of the QRF trained by EUTM Mozambique, supporting security in Cabo Delgado. EUMAM is a non-executive mission and does not include the deployment of forces in the insurgency-affected area of Cabo Delgado.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision amending Decision (CFSP) 2021/1143 on a European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique (EUTM Mozambique).