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**Priority question for written answer P-003245/25
to the Commission
João Cotrim De Figueiredo (Renew)
(15 August 2025)**

Subject: EU funding for Mozambique's commitment to the inclusive national dialogue via civil society organisations

On 6 June 2025, it was announced that the EU's support for Mozambique's commitment to the inclusive national dialogue would be channelled through two civil society organisations — the *Instituto para a Democracia Multipartidária* (IMD) and the *Fundação Mecanismo de Apoio à Sociedade Civil* (MASC) — rather than provided directly to the Technical Commission.

On 18 June 2025, the joint statement of the second EU-Mozambique Partnership Dialogue (point 6) ⁽¹⁾ explicitly supported the inclusion of opposition leader Venâncio Mondlane in the dialogue process and the advancement of judicial and electoral reforms. Recent developments suggest Mondlane is being excluded, raising concerns about consistency between EU commitments and implementation.

Given the political sensitivity of the post-electoral context:

1. What criteria and due diligence did the Commission apply in selecting the IMD and the MASC as intermediaries?
2. What measures will ensure that point 6 of the joint statement of 18 June is implemented with inclusiveness, reforms and the transparent use of EU funds?
3. How does the Commission assess Mondlane's exclusion from the process, despite its explicit support for his inclusion?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(8 September 2025)**

The Instituto para a Democracia Multipartidária (IMD) and the Fundação Mecanismo de Apoio à Sociedade Civil (MASC) are independent civil society organisations (CSOs) with extensive experience in capacity building, outreach, and political processes.

These organisations were mandated by the Technical Commission to facilitate the implementation of the Political Commitment for a National Inclusive Dialogue.

Support from the EU and its Member States (Germany, Sweden and Ireland) was channelled through these CSOs which act as an additional safeguard to foster inclusivity in this important national process.

The EU has consistently supported dialogue and advocated for an inclusive, meaningful process, even prior to the adoption of the Political Commitment. Such dialogue was called for by Mozambican civil society and subsequently formalised in law (Lei nº 1/2025, 11 April 2025).

This EU project is funded under the 2025 Human Rights and Democracy thematic programme allocation for Mozambique. As with all EU support provided to CSOs, rigorous financial management rules and monitoring mechanisms apply to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of resources.

On 15 August 2025, Venâncio Mondlane's party was formally approved, an important step that opens the way for his participation in the National Inclusive Dialogue.

Through its support to the Political Commitment, the EU seeks to foster the necessary conditions for a constructive participation of all relevant stakeholders.

The EU is in contact with all parties, including opposition forces, as demonstrated in meetings such as with Venâncio Mondlane on 20 August 2025.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025/documents/EU%20Mozambique%20Partnership%20Dialogue%20JOINT%20COMMUNIQUE_%2018JUN2025.pdf.