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Priority question for written answer P-001206/26

**to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: EU support for Mozambique

The European Peace Facility has been financing the presence of the Rwanda Defence Force in Cabo Delgado, playing a decisive role in the stabilisation of a region where major European companies have investments, including in the liquefied natural gas sector. That financing comes to an end in May 2026 and, according to the information available, no formal renewal plans exist. The President of Mozambique, Daniel Chapo, recently visited Brussels with the express aim of requesting the continuation of EU support.

Against this backdrop:

1. Taking into account the EU's strategic and economic interests in the region, will the Commission forward the Council a proposal to renew or restructure EU financial support for security operations in Cabo Delgado?
2. What approach is the Vice-President/High Representative taking to assessing the impact that a possible withdrawal of Rwandan forces would have on stability in Cabo Delgado and on existing investments by companies from EU Member States?
3. In the event that direct financing for Rwandan forces is not renewed, what other financing mechanisms is the Vice-President/High Representative considering with a view to ensuring the continuity of security support in Mozambique?

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

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The EU recognises the contribution made by Rwanda to efforts aimed at stabilising the security situation in Cabo Delgado.

Rwanda and Mozambique have concluded a bilateral agreement governing the Rwanda Defense Force deployment. Therefore, it is for the two countries to continue their dialogue and cooperation to identify an appropriate way forward on this specific action.

Rwanda's authorities have publicly indicated that they do not intend to initiate a request for further EU support. The EU has contributed to supporting Mozambique in the stabilisation of Cabo Delgado through various actions, including the EU Training Mission which transitioned to an EU Military Assistance Mission, European Peace Facility support to the Mozambican armed forces and to the deployment of the Rwanda Defence Force in Cabo Delgado.

The EU is in a continuous dialogue on options how the EU can best support Mozambique with development, humanitarian, peacebuilding and security actions.
