

**Question for written answer E-004285/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Sahel G5 joint force

On 5 June 2015, the EU High Representative announced that EUR 50 million would be released to support the joint force of the Group of Five Sahel States – Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger (the Sahel G5) – created in February 2017 to combat terrorism, transnational organised crime and irregular immigration.

The UN Security Council, in its resolution of 21 June 2017 supporting the efforts of the joint force, committed the Sahel G5 partners to provide support to the joint force through the provision of adequate logistical and operational assistance.

The EU is already present in the region with three missions (EUCAP Sahel Mali, EUCAP Sahel Niger and EUTM Mali) to train and advise the countries' security forces. The EU has also organised the training of several officers from the five countries making up the Sahel G5 joint force.

That being so, how does the High Representative see the three EU missions interacting with the joint force? How will the three EU missions provide the joint force with logistical and financial assistance and support with training of army officers?