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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) for Mali

On 11 January 2018, three French soldiers from the Barkhane force were wounded by a suicide bomber in eastern Mali. This attack occurred on the five-year anniversary of the launch of Operation Serval by the French Government.

The EU participates alongside France in peacekeeping efforts in Mali through the EUTM and EUCAP Sahel Mali. This presence serves primarily to support the G5 Sahel Joint Force by providing military and civilian expertise in Bamako. Despite the efforts of France, the European Union and G5 Sahel, there have been renewed tensions in the Malian conflict.

In November 2017, we adopted the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP), which would enable the EU to make an additional EUR 100 million available to finance training and non-lethal equipment for the armed forces of third countries.

1. Could the VP/HR indicate how much of this new IcSP budget will be devoted to peacekeeping in Mali?
2. How, in concrete terms, will this instrument be implemented on the ground in Mali?