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At the request of the Malian Government and on the basis of UN resolutions, in particular UN Security Council Resolution 2085, EU Training Mission (EUTM) Mali was established in February 2013 to train the Malian armed forces. Its current, fourth mandate was approved by the Council on 14 May 2018¹. On 25 June 2018, the Council adopted conclusions² on the Sahel/Mali, in which the Council reiterated the EU's strategic and comprehensive engagement towards the Sahel region, based on the EU Sahel Strategy and its Regional Action Plan.

In relation to the situation in Mali, the Council underlined the need for consistent progress in the implementation of the Peace and Reconciliation Agreement. The Council reaffirmed the EU's commitment to continue to accompany Mali in its efforts to improve the security and development of the north and the centre of the country, and to regain control of all its territory. The Council stressed that the EU would continue to support the development in central Mali of local relationships and systems to manage conflict and to safeguard the trust between the civilian population and the state authorities, as well as between communities, with full respect for human rights, the rule of law and good governance. The Council further recalled the effective contribution of the CSDP missions in the Sahel (EUCAP Sahel Mali, EUTM Mali and EUCAP Sahel Niger), in line with their respective core mandates in their host countries. In this context, it underlined that the EU would continue to provide support to the millions of vulnerable people affected by conflicts, widespread insecurity, recurrent natural disasters and poverty in the region, and to strengthen their resilience.

As regards the funding under the Athena mechanism, the mechanism covers the common costs of the EUTM Mali as defined by the Athena Council Decision³. The budget (payment side) per year from the beginning of the mission is as follows: 2013: EUR 21.07 million; 2014: EUR 18.96 million; 2015: EUR 15.03 million; 2016: EUR 16.49 million; 2017: EUR 19.95 million; 2018: EUR 23.62 million; 2019: EUR 23.71 million. This budget is financed by the contributing states based on the GNI key.

¹ 2018/716/CFSP.

² 10026/18.

³ 2015/528/CFSP.