COMMON SECURITY AND DEFENCE POLICY

EU Security Sector Reform Advisory Mission to the DR Congo Armed Forces (EUSEC RD Congo)

Background

EUSEC RD Congo has been deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) since June 2005, and reflects the EU’s ongoing commitment to the Congolese people in terms of reforming their army.

Working closely with the other contributing members of the international community, EUSEC RD Congo provides practical support for security-sector reform in the DRC, through advice and assistance to the relevant Congolese authorities. Its advisors work with the military command authorities in Kinshasa, as well as the staffs in the military regions.

Since its first year, which focused on the integration process within the DRC Armed Forces (FARDC), and the “chain of payment” project which ensures that military pay gets to the soldiers, the mission has expanded its activities in this area with a view toward modernising both personnel administration and human resources management. It has also diversified its activities, providing assistance to its Congolese partners in the field of military education and training.

Mandate and objectives

The general aim of EUSEC RD Congo is to support the Congolese authorities in rebuilding an army that will guarantee security throughout the whole country, and which will create the conditions necessary to economic and social development. The mission currently is comprised of some 40 military and civilian personnel. It is based in Kinshasa, with a permanent detachment in Goma. The mission also runs projects in Kitona, Bas-Congo Province, and Kananga, in the Western Kasai. EUSEC RD Congo is the only organisation in the DRC entirely dedicated to the military component of security sector reform.

During its eighth Mandate Year (1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014), EUSEC RD Congo is assisting the Congolese authorities with taking ownership of security sector reform through policies that respect democratic norms, human rights and international humanitarian law, as well as good governance. The mission’s areas of activity are: 1) advice to the Minister of Defense, to the General Military Staff, to the Inspector General, to the Logistics General Staff, and to the Service for Civic and Patriotic Education and Social Actions; 2) support to consolidating personnel administration; and 3) support to re-launching the military training system.

Facts and Figures

Place: Democratic Republic of the Congo
Headquarters: Kinshasa
Start date: juin 2005
Head of Mission: COL Jean-Louis NURENBERG
Expatriate personnel: 41 persons
Budget: EUR 8.455 millions
Contributing States: 10 EU Member States + the USA.

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La politique de sécurité et de défense commune (PSDC) de l'Union européenne inclut la définition progressive d'une politique de défense commune qui pourrait conduire, le moment venu, à une défense commune. La PSDC permet à l'Union de développer ses capacités civiles et militaires de gestion des crises et de prévention des conflits à l'échelle internationale. Elle contribue ainsi au maintien de la paix et de la sécurité internationale, conformément à la charte des Nations unies. La PSDC comprend une importante composante "prévention des conflits".

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