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Subject: VP/HR - Australian military cooperation with Myanmar's armed forces

For the years 2017 and 2018, the Australian Department of Defence has planned to spend about USD 400 000 on a military cooperation programme with Myanmar's armed forces, the Tatmadaw. The Tatmadaw are facing concrete allegations of participating in the genocide against the Rohingya population in Rakhine State.

What steps will the Commission take to call on the Australian Minister for Defence to cease military cooperation with Myanmar?

What will the European Union's future strategy be to encourage its allies to cease any military cooperation with Myanmar?

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