

**Question for written answer E-003075/2019  
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs  
and Security Policy**

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Subject: VP/HR - Sahel

The VP/HR recently held meetings at the United Nations to discuss the crisis in the Sahel. During those meetings she pledged the support of the European Union, but stated that it was ultimately the governments and peoples of the Sahel that would have to resolve their problems.

Given the situation in Burkina Faso, where heavily armed extremists are infiltrating from Mali, armed with weapons from Libya and trained in Afghanistan, can the VP/HR provide details of the capacity-building measures being offered to the Burkina Faso authorities?