

Question for written answer E-000681/2022
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: The situation in Cabo Delgado and the role of neighbouring countries

Violent attacks are still ongoing in Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique. The EU has sent a military training mission to support Mozambican forces, while African joint forces such as the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) are also fighting on the ground. Among many others, Zimbabwe has also intervened by deploying soldiers to the Cabo Delgado region with a view to stabilising the conflict.

Given these developments, we ask the Council:

1. How is the EU helping Zimbabwe in its fight against the Islamist threat in the region?
2. In this context, is the Council considering lifting the EU sanctions against Zimbabwe in specific circumstances?
3. In view of the cooperation between African countries in the conflict, how can the EU better boost the cooperation of neighbouring East African countries in the fight against ISIS?