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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: European support for the G5 Sahel and France's Operation Barkhane

France has been conducting Operation Barkhane in the Sahel since 2014. 5 100 military personnel have been deployed, in addition to Estonian and Danish military personnel, and the operation counts on the support of Germany, Sweden, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and the United States in particular.

The G5 Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad), which was established in 2014, has 5 000 military personnel and is backed by UN Security Council Resolutions 2359 and 2391.

The EUCAP Sahel Niger, EUCAP Sahel Mali and EUTM Mali missions were established by the EU on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 2085. The EUCAP Sahel Niger mission has been allocated a budget of EUR 73.7 million until 30 September 2022, EUCAP Sahel Mali a budget of EUR 67 million until 14 January 2021 and EUTM Mali a budget of EUR 133.7 million until 18 May 2024.

1. How does the High Representative/Vice-President intend to adapt the mandate of the existing EU missions mentioned above so that they correspond to the needs of the G5 Sahel, in particular in terms of equipment, and genuinely complement the work of Operation Barkhane?
2. How does the High Representative/Vice-President intend to promote dialogue between Member States to further support France's considerable military effort against Islamist terrorism in the Sahel, which is also essential to control migration?

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