

Question for written answer P-004236/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - War crimes committed by Malian G5 Sahel Joint Force on 19 May 2018 in Boulikessi

On 29 September 2017 MEPs asked, via Written Question P-006105/2017, about safeguards to ensure that the G5 Sahel Joint Force respects international human rights law (IHRL) and international humanitarian law (IHL). VP/HR Mogherini responded that the EEAS and Commission services 'are currently exploring (...) the best way to establish a human rights compliance framework'. On 26 June 2018, MINUSMA made public its investigations into the actions of the G5 Sahel Joint Force and concluded that on 19 May 2018, 12 civilians were murdered in Boulikessi.

1. Have the EEAS and the relevant Commission services, in line with the legal obligations of the IcSP Regulation, established 'appropriate risk assessment, monitoring and evaluation procedures' (Article 3a(6)) and complied with Article 10(1) as regards IHRL/IHL, with regard to financial support for the G5 Sahel Joint Force?
2. Have the EEAS and the relevant Commission services investigated the crimes committed on 19 May 2018 in Boulikessi?
3. Given that the G5 Sahel Joint Force has been receiving financial support from the EU, are the EEAS and Commission services planning to suspend such support (from the IcSP, the African Peace Facility or any other EU budget or EDF funds) in light of the crimes committed?