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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/2386

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amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 42(4) and Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 9 December 2019, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 ([1]), which established the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) with an initial mandate until 8 August 2022.

(2) On 24 July 2026, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2026/1858 ([2]), which extended the mandate of EUAM RCA by three months, until 7 November 2026, to allow for the completion of the holistic strategic review of EUAM RCA, and of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA), which was established pursuant to Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 ([3]).

(3) In the framework of the holistic strategic review of EUAM RCA and EUTM RCA, the Political and Security Committee agreed to extend the mandate of both missions until 31 August 2028 to transition in an orderly manner to other Union instruments to reshape the Union's engagement with the Central African Republic, as of 1 September 2028. To that effect, a transition strategy will be presented no later than July 2027 on the basis of a political framework for a crisis approach for the Central African Republic to be conducted and presented early 2027.

(4) Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 should be amended accordingly.

(5) EUAM RCA will be conducted in the context of a situation which may deteriorate and could impede the achievement of the objectives of the Union's external action as set out in Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union,

([1]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 of 9 December 2019 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) (OJ L 318, 10.12.2019, p. 141, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2019/2110/oj).

([2]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/1858 of 24 July 2026 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 on the European Union CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA) (OJ L, 2026/1858, 27.7.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2026/1858/oj).

([3]) Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 on a European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA) (OJ L 104, 20.4.2016, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2016/610/oj).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision (CFSP) 2019/2110 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 2, paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. To achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 1 and to ensure an orderly transition to other EU instruments, EUAM RCA shall operate in accordance with the Crisis Management Concept (CMC) approved by the Council on 21 November 2019 and updated operational planning documents. In a phased, scalable and modular approach, EUAM RCA shall provide advice at strategic level to the Ministry for Interior and Public Security and to the Internal Security Forces of the Central African Republic in order to support their sustainable transformation into a more coherent security provider, under national ownership and in close coordination with the EU Delegation to the Central African Republic, the EU Military Assistance Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) (*), MINUSCA, UNPOL, the African Union and other international stakeholders.

(*) Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 on a European Union Military Assistance Mission in the Central African Republic (EUMAM RCA) (OJ L 104, 20.4.2016, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2016/610/oj).';

(2) in Article 4, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'1. The Managing Director of the Civilian Operations Headquarters (CivOpsHQ) shall be the Civilian Operation Commander for EUAM RCA. The CivOpsHQ shall be at the disposal of the Civilian Operation Commander for the planning and conduct of EUAM RCA.';

(3) in Article 10, paragraphs 2 to 4 are replaced by the following:

'2. The Head of Mission shall be responsible for the discharge of the duty of care in EUAM RCA and for ensuring compliance with the requirements applicable to EUAM RCA, in line with the Security and Duty of Care Policy for Civilian CSDP Missions and its supporting instruments.

3. The Head of Mission shall be assisted by a Head of Security and Health, who shall report to the Head of Mission and maintain a close functional relationship with the CivOpsHQ.

4. EUAM RCA personnel shall undergo mandatory security training before taking up their duties, in accordance with the OPLAN. They shall also receive regular in-theatre refresher training organised by the Head of Security and Health.';

(4) in Article 13(1), the following subparagraph is added:

'The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to EUAM RCA for the period from 7 November 2026 until 31 August 2028 shall be EUR 23 317 769,77.';

(5) in Article 14(3), the name ‘EUTM RCA’ is replaced by ‘EUMAM RCA’;

(6) in Article 17, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘The mandate of EUAM RCA shall end on 31 August 2028.’.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 26 October 2026.

For the Council

The President

M. HEYDON