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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/1224

of 9 June 2026

on an assistance measure under the European Peace Facility to support the Egyptian Armed Forces

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 28(1) and Article 41(2) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 ⁽¹⁾ establishes the European Peace Facility (EPF) for the financing by Member States of Union actions under the common foreign and security policy to preserve peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security pursuant to Article 21(2), point (c), of the Treaty. In particular, pursuant to Article 1(2) of Decision (CFSP) 2021/509, the EPF is to be used for the financing of assistance measures such as actions to strengthen the capacities of third States and regional and international organisations relating to military and defence matters.
- (2) The 2016 Global Strategy for the Union's Foreign and Security Policy sets the objectives of strengthening security and defence, investing in the resilience of States and societies to the south of the Union, developing an integrated approach to conflict and crises and promoting the respect of international human rights law and international humanitarian law.
- (3) On 21 March 2022, the Council approved the Strategic Compass with the objective for the Union of becoming a stronger and more capable security provider, including through the increased use of the EPF in support of partners' defence capabilities.
- (4) The 9th Association Council, in June 2022, renewed EU-Egypt cooperation with the adoption of EU-Egypt Partnership priorities (2021-2027) that set the political framework until 2027.
- (5) On 17 March 2024, a Joint Declaration was signed to launch a Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership with Egypt. One of six key pillars of that Joint Declaration is focused on security cooperation.
- (6) On 22 October 2025, the Union and Egypt held their first Leaders' Summit, reconfirming the mutual willingness to continue the dialogue and cooperation in shared priority areas in the field of peace, security and defence, such as regional and maritime security.
- (7) On 13 January 2026, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy received a request from Egypt for the Union to assist the Egyptian Armed Forces with the procurement of key equipment to increase their capabilities to ensure maritime security and to contribute to their modernisation and increased interoperability with Union and NATO standards.
- (8) Assistance measures are to be implemented taking into account the principles and requirements set out in Decision (CFSP) 2021/509, in particular compliance with Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP ⁽²⁾, and in line with the rules for the implementation of revenue and expenditure financed under the EPF. The Council recalls relevant restrictive measures, in particular those imposed by United Nations Security Council resolutions and by Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 ⁽³⁾ and Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 ⁽⁴⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 of 22 March 2021 establishing a European Peace Facility, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2015/528 (OJ L 102, 24.3.2021, p. 14, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2021/509/oj>).

⁽²⁾ Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment (OJ L 335, 13.12.2008, p. 99, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/compos/2008/944/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 of 31 July 2015 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya, and repealing Decision 2011/137/CFSP (OJ L 206, 1.8.2015, p. 34, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2015/1333/oj>).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 (OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/44/oj>).

- (9) The Council reaffirms its determination to protect, promote and fulfil human rights, fundamental freedoms and democratic principles and to strengthen the rule of law and good governance, in compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Establishment, objectives, scope and duration

1. An assistance measure benefiting Egypt (the 'beneficiary') to be financed under the European Peace Facility (EPF) (the 'assistance measure') is hereby established.
2. The objectives of the assistance measure are the following:
 - (a) to strengthen the cooperation between the Union and Egypt in the area of security and defence;
 - (b) to contribute to the strengthening of the overall military and defence capacities of the Egyptian Armed Forces;
 - (c) to enhance the national security and stability of Egypt as well as the protection of civilians.
3. To achieve the objectives set out in paragraph 2, the assistance measure shall finance the following types of equipment not designed to deliver lethal force:
 - (a) protection and detection equipment for the Egyptian Navy;
 - (b) logistics and communications equipment for the Egyptian Air Force.

The assistance measure shall also finance related supplies and services, including technical training, where needed.

4. The duration of the assistance measure shall be 36 months from the date of adoption of this Decision.

Article 2

Financial arrangements

1. The financial reference amount intended to cover the expenditure related to the assistance measure shall be EUR 20 000 000.
2. All expenditure shall be managed in accordance with Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 and in line with the rules for the implementation of revenue and expenditure financed under the EPF.

Article 3

Arrangements with the beneficiary

1. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') shall make the necessary arrangements with the beneficiary to ensure its compliance with the requirements and conditions established by this Decision as a condition for the provision of support under the assistance measure.

2. The arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 shall include provisions obliging the beneficiary to ensure:
 - (a) compliance of the units of the Egyptian Armed Forces supported under the assistance measure with relevant international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law;
 - (b) proper and efficient use of any assets provided under the assistance measure for the purposes for which they were provided;
 - (c) sufficient maintenance of any assets provided under the assistance measure to ensure their usability and operational availability over their life cycle;
 - (d) that any assets provided under the assistance measure are not lost or transferred to persons or entities other than those identified in those arrangements.
3. The arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 shall include provisions on the suspension and termination of support under the assistance measure in the event of the beneficiary being found in breach of the obligations set out in paragraph 2.

Article 4

Implementation

1. The High Representative shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of this Decision in accordance with Decision (CFSP) 2021/509, and in line with the rules for the implementation of revenue and expenditure financed under the EPF and with the Integrated Methodological Framework for assessing and identifying the required measures and controls for assistance measures under the EPF.
2. The implementation of the activities referred to in Article 1(3) shall be carried out by Défense Conseil International.

Article 5

Monitoring, control and evaluation

1. The High Representative shall monitor the compliance by the beneficiary with the obligations set out in Article 3. That monitoring shall be used to provide awareness of the context and the risks of breaches of the obligations set out in Article 3, and to contribute to the prevention of such breaches, including violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law by the units of the Egyptian Armed Forces supported under the assistance measure.
2. The post-shipment control of equipment and supplies shall be organised as follows:
 - (a) delivery verification, whereby EPF delivery certificates are to be signed by the end-user forces upon transfer of ownership;
 - (b) reporting, whereby the beneficiary is to report annually on the activities conducted with the equipment, supplies and services provided under the assistance measure and on the inventory of designated items until such reporting is no longer deemed necessary by the Political and Security Committee (PSC);
 - (c) on-site visits, whereby the beneficiary is to grant the High Representative and the EPF auditors access to conduct on-site checks and EPF audits, upon request.
3. The High Representative shall conduct a final evaluation upon completion of the assistance measure to assess whether the assistance measure has contributed to reaching the objectives set out in Article 1(2).

*Article 6***Reporting**

During the period of implementation, the High Representative shall provide the PSC with six-monthly reports on the implementation of the assistance measure, in accordance with Article 63 of Decision (CFSP) 2021/509. The administrator for assistance measures shall regularly inform the Facility Committee established by Decision (CFSP) 2021/509 on the implementation of revenue and expenditure in accordance with Article 38 of that Decision, including by providing information on the suppliers and subcontractors involved.

*Article 7***Suspension and termination**

1. The PSC may decide to suspend wholly or partially the implementation of the assistance measure in accordance with Article 64 of Decision (CFSP) 2021/509.
2. The PSC may recommend that the Council terminate the assistance measure.

*Article 8***Entry into force**

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

Done at Luxembourg, 9 June 2026.

For the Council

The President

A. VAFEADES
