Instrument contributing to stability and peace: military actors (2017-2020)

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PURPOSE: to improve the EU instrument contributing to stability and peace.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2017/2306 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace.

CONTENT: this Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 230/2014 establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace. It builds on the EU's commitment to the UN's **Sustainable Development Goals** and the Joint Declaration on 'The New European Consensus for Development' which recognised the link between and development.

In order to contribute to sustainable development, which requires the achievement of stable, peaceful and inclusive societies, Union assistance under this Regulation may be used to build the capacity of military actors in partner countries, under the **exceptional circumstances**, to deliver development activities and security for development activities.

Assistance may cover in particular the provision of capacity building programmes in support of development and security for development, including training, mentoring and advice, as well as the provision of equipment, infrastructure improvements and services directly related to that assistance.

Union assistance shall **not be used to finance capacity building of military actors for purposes other than the delivery of development activities** and security for development activities. In particular, it shall not be used to finance recurrent military expenditure or the procurement of arms and ammunition, or training which is designed to contribute specifically to the fighting capacity of the armed forces.

An amount of **EUR 100 million** shall be allocated to these new measures for the period 2018 to 2020.

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission stated that capacity building in support of development and security for development should be financed within **Heading IV of the multiannual financial framework for the years 2014-2020**, primarily through redeployments, while preserving the financial balance among all instruments to the maximum extent possible.

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