

AGREEMENT

in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Central African Republic on the status of the European Union CSDP Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA)

A. Letter from the European Union

H.E. Professor Faustin-Archange Touadera
President of the Central African Republic
Bangui
Central African Republic

Brussels, 12 July 2016

Sir,

On 19 April 2016 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 establishing a Military Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA). It is now necessary to determine the status of EUTM RCA and its personnel by way of an international agreement between your country and the European Union.

In your letter dated 30 March 2016, you were so kind as unilaterally to grant to EUTM RCA the privileges and immunities which had been granted, in connection with the EUFOR Tchad/RCA operation, to the European Union force and its personnel under the international agreement concluded between the European Union and the Central African Republic on 16 April 2008.

In accordance with your wishes and as we agreed for EUFOR RCA and EUMAM RCA, I should like to propose that all the provisions of that agreement (Articles 1 to 19) be made applicable to EUTM RCA, on the basis that:

- each reference to EUFOR in the abovementioned articles shall be considered as referring to EUTM RCA;
- each reference to the EU Force Commander shall be considered as referring to the Mission Commander of EUTM RCA;
- the means of transport referred to in Articles 1(3)(a), 3(2) and 4(3) shall be considered as including not only the means of transport belonging to the national contingents making up EUTM RCA, but also those hired or chartered by EUMAM RCA;
- the reference to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007 in Article 1(3)(b) shall be considered as a reference both to our Exchange of Letters of 29 and 30 March 2016 and to Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/610 of 19 April 2016 establishing EUTM RCA.

I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you accept these suggestions. If you do accept, this letter, together with your reply, will constitute a legally binding international agreement between the Central African Republic and the European Union on the status of EUTM RCA, which will enter into force on the date on which your letter of reply is received.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the European Union
Federica MOGHERINI

B. Letter from the Central African Republic

Ms Federica MOGHERINI
High Representative of the European Union
for foreign affairs and security policy

Bangui, 21 July 2016

Madam,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2016 regarding EUTM RCA, which reads as follows:

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I am pleased to inform you that I accept the terms suggested in your letter.

Please accept, Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Central African Republic
Pr. Faustin Archange TOUADERA
