



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



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## **EU military mission to contribute to the training of Somali Security Forces (EUTM Somalia)**

The Council adopted a Decision<sup>1</sup> on a European Union Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) military mission to contribute to the training of Somali Security Forces (EUTM Somalia). Under the Decision, the EU will conduct a military training mission in order to contribute to strengthening the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) as a functioning government serving the Somali citizens.

In particular, the objective of EUTM Somalia will be to contribute to a comprehensive and sustainable perspective for the development of the Somali Security Sector by strengthening the Somali Security Forces through the provision of specific military training of 2000 Somali recruits up to and including platoon level, including appropriate modular and specialised training for officers and non commissioned officers. The EU military training carried out to that end will take place mainly in Uganda.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision adopted by written procedure that was completed on 4 February 2010.

# **P R E S S**

The Decision to launch EUTM Somalia will be adopted by the Council following approval of the Mission Plan. EUTM Somalia is due to terminate in 2011 after two consecutive training periods of six months.

For more information:

<http://consilium.europa.eu/eutm-somalia>

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