



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



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## **Council adopts decision on the launch of EUTM Somalia**

The Council adopted today - by written procedure - a decision on the launch of a European Union military mission to contribute to the training of Somali security forces (EUTM Somalia). This Council decision, which follows the approval of the Mission Plan for EUTM Somalia, provides that the Mission will be launched on 7 April 2010.

The objective of EUTM Somalia is to contribute to strengthening the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia as a functioning government serving the Somali population, as well as 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 and support.

EUTM Somalia will take place mainly in Uganda, where Somali forces are already being trained. The EU military mission will operate in close cooperation and coordination with international partners in particular the United Nations, the African Union, AMISOM, and the United States.

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