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Subject: The deteriorating security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo due to the actions of the M23 group supported by Rwanda

In light of the deteriorating security situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) due to the actions of the M23 group supported by Rwanda, Kigali's role in this conflict has been strongly criticised. Furthermore, the Memorandum of Understanding on minerals between the EU and Rwanda, signed on 19 February 2024, is being reconsidered, as it allegedly facilitates the illegal importation of minerals from the DRC into Rwanda, thereby fuelling the conflict in the DRC.

In this context, the Commission is asked to respond to the following questions:

1. Is the Commission undertaking diplomatic efforts, in cooperation with regional organisations, to put an end to the activities of the M23 group, and are there any planned initiatives or discussions aimed at pacifying and stabilising the region?
2. Does the Commission plan to take concrete measures to ensure the cessation of Rwandan support for M23 and the withdrawal of Rwandan forces from DRC territory, and are sanctions being considered against those responsible for the violence?
3. Is the Commission willing to terminate the EU-Rwanda Memorandum of Understanding on minerals?

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