



Exchange of views with Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: - extracts EP Committee on Foreign Affairs / EP Sub Committee on Security and Defence

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EU pledged €520 million to help rebuild Mali ahead of an international aid donors conference taking place in Brussels on Wednesday. Mali's interim president Dioncounda Traoré met members of Parliament the day after to discuss the military situation in his country and the elections scheduled for July 2013. The meeting was organised by Parliament's foreign affairs and development committees and the security and defence subcommittee.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the EP, Brussels	00:00:05
00:00:10	Arrival of Mali's acting president Dioncounda Traoré, greetings to MEPs, taking the seat. (4 shots)	00:00:25
00:00:35	SOUNDBITE (English) Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: "Donors have come up with what we were seeking, they are going to make a contribution of 3,25 billion euros to help us. The EU is going to provide a 6th of the amount and this is something we are extremely grateful for, as at the moment there is a recession and I know that in many EU countries there are strong social pressures on financial resources".	00:00:44
00:01:19	SOUNDBITE (English) Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: "We know now what represents a danger for us and a danger for other too. We know that the fragility and instability in the Sahel region can lead to major difficulties including involvement with organised crime".	00:00:23

00:01:42	SOUNDBITE (English) Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: "The UN Committee for Human Rights has pointed out abuses taken by the Malian armed forces against civilians (...) Any soldier or civilian breaking the law and infringing human rights has to answer to the competent Malian Court authorities or the international ones".	00:00:38
00:02:20	SOUNDBITE (English) Peter ŠŤASTNÝ (EPP, SK): "The future of your country concerns the whole Sahel region and beyond international stability. A large number of countries, over 100, have taken actions, financial commitments and promises of donations amounting to a total of 3 and a quarter billion euros have been pledged by all donors. We must now ensure that these commitments are not just hollow words".	00:00:33
00:02:53	SOUNDBITE (English) Ana GOMES (S&D, PT): "There is a Tuareg issue, and your offer (of dialogue) means that there is a Tuareg issue. I think the problem is that in the past there has been a denial of the question itself".	00:00:16
00:03:09	SOUNDBITE (English) Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: "The problems that existed back in the 60ies and the 90ies, the so-called Tuareg problem has completely changed since. In 2012 the problem had nothing to do with the problem of the 90ies. Today we have problems that have been caused by terrorists, by jihadists and drug dealers, not by Tuaregs".	00:00:40
00:03:49	SOUNDBITE (English) Dioncounda TRAORÉ, Interim President of Mali: "We could not treat the Kidal issue in the same way as the situation in Timbuktu or Gao. Those were armed forces like the MUJAO and the AQMI who were at large there, who were amputating legs and arms, raping women and young girls, desecrating graves and cemeteries, destroying cultural national and universal heritage... We had to fight them with a total war. But the MNLA (Liberation Army of Azawad) is another matter. And we will try to find solutions with them through dialogue."	00:00:47
00:04:36	Cutaways (6 shots).	00:00:24
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