



JOSÉ MANUEL MARQUES DIAS

HEAD OF MISSION

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in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA)**

The Political and Security Committee of the European Union appointed José Marques Dias (born 1968) EUAM RCA's Head of Mission on 25 August 2022. Mr. Marques Dias is a Colonel from the Portuguese National Republican Guard (GNR) and served for over 30 years in leading positions.

He has longstanding professional experience in international crisis management and worked in complex political and security environment abroad. From 2017 to 2020 he worked as Deputy Coordinator of the Rapid action groups - Monitoring and intervention in the Sahel (GARSI SAHEL) in Niger and as Security Advisor to the Minister of Interior of East Timor.

In 2020 he joined the core team of EUAM RCA as Senior Strategic Adviser on Interoperability with the Central African Armed Forces (FACA). By advising ministries and internal security forces, he was able to gain a deep insight into the security situation in the Central African Republic and to build strong and trusting relationships at national and international level. Mr. Marques Dias holds university degrees in Law, Security and Military Sciences.

He is fluent in French, English and Spanish.