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Minister of Defence addresses EU2021PP priorities related to peace and security in East Africa

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The Minister of National Defence met on Thursday morning by videoconference with Workneh Gebeyehu, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Development Authority(IGAD). This regional organisation brings together several countries, including Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda.

Minister João Gomes Cravinho stressed the importance attributed by Portugal to the relationship with African states and regional organizations during the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. In this context, the existing relations between the European Union and IGAD members were also addressed through the military missions and operations of the Common Security and Defence Policy - with emphasis on Operation Atalanta - and the dialogues to be deepened in relation to projects of common interest, such as the Coordinated Maritime Presences.