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Rule 130

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Subject: Use of civilian products and technologies for military purposes

The problem of civilian products and technologies being used for military purposes has not been addressed in any way that extends beyond monitoring exports of so-called dual-use goods and related services. It is important to control exports in this way, and this should be done rigorously but without jeopardising access by developing countries to products and technologies which are essential to their development. Nevertheless, there is a need to ensure that other EU policies are coherent with the objectives of this regulation. A case in point is that of research projects funded under the Seventh Research Framework Programme, particularly those involving the participation of Israel Aerospace Industries, which manufactures the unmanned aircraft used to attack the Gaza Strip in 2008 and 2009, resulting in dozens of deaths.

Can the Commission answer the following:

- 1. What changes does it intend to propose to the rules on monitoring exports of dual use goods and what will be the purpose of such changes?
- 2. Has it made any assessment of the possible civilian-military dual use of projects funded under the Research Framework Programme?
- 3. What is the state of play regarding the participation of Israel Aerospace Industries in projects funded by this programme?

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