

**Question for written answer E-009628/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European financing of military groups

In the Report on the Implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) of the EU, presented by Arnaud Danjean and voted and approved during the European Parliament plenary session of 21 May 2015, there were calls for the EU to finance CSDP missions and operations, and other expenditure indirectly linked to the CSDP. However, Article 41(2) of the Treaty on European Union stipulates that no expenditure arising from operations having military or defence implications may be charged to the Union budget.

Given that, to ensure the success of this new approach, it would be necessary to adapt the regulations to make this possible and avoid potential inconsistencies, what is the Commission's opinion on the possibility of the EU financing groups directly or indirectly linked to military and/or defence expenditure?