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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Nuclear Security Summit

A Nuclear Security Summit was held on 30 March. It hosted meetings between dozens of world leaders looking to improve nuclear safety. However, without the participation of Russia efforts to find a robust solution are unlikely to be effective. Also absent from the summit were other nations which would need to be included in any effective dialogue, such as Iran and North Korea.

It is also surprising that the summit did not address the question of Israel's nuclear arsenal. Israel could have followed Iran's example but has chosen not to.

The US called on Russia to fulfil its obligations and respect the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, but the US would appear to be far from meeting its own commitments. Its B61 nuclear bombs are still stationed on European soil and represent a real threat. And as if that were not enough, other, new-generation US bombs are also being sent to Europe, probably to bolster US weapons systems deployed on the continent.

Does the VP/HR not consider this US nuclear deployment in Europe to be dangerous and in violation of the INF Treaty?

What were the main decisions affecting international, and particularly EU, security taken at the summit?