

**Question for written answer E-007289/2016
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Realising the European Defence Community

The 'Bratislava Plan', adopted on 16 September 2016 at a summit of 27 Member States, makes reference to strengthening EU cooperation on external security and defence. In the document, the Member States gathered at the summit declared their great determination to achieve this goal. Have preparatory steps been initiated to realise this programme and the declarations that were made? Will these plans be made known or published before the planned Council meeting in December?