

**Question for written answer E-000076/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - Increase in military spending in the EU

In the light of the decision to implement the new foreign and defence policy, it has been confirmed that there is to be an increase in spending on arms and military taskforces.

Does this not represent a failure to adhere to the provisions of the EU's Treaties, which expressly state that the EU budget may not be used for military operations other than stabilisation or assistance operations?