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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Recent decisions by the US Administration to increase weapons spending

In February 2018, the US President ordered that a budget be drawn up with a 54 billion USD (9.3%) increase in defence spending, triggering the biggest rearmament for a decade: 'We must start winning wars again'.

Trump has publicly distanced himself from the nuclear weapons limitation treaty with Russia and has announced that he wants to expand his nuclear arsenal. All the indications are that the US intends to end the agreements signed with Russia (INF and START) aimed at limiting their nuclear arsenals. This decision jeopardises global security and reduces the possibilities of making progress in the nuclear disarmament dialogue.

The decision also appears to constitute an attempt on the part of the US to continue to impose its hegemony by force, disregarding the right of the peoples of the world to sovereignty and self-determination and thereby jeopardising the security of the entire planet.

1. What is the European Union's view of President Trump's decisions on rearmament?
2. What steps will the European Union take to contribute to world peace?