Question for written answer E-004349/2018 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: 3D printing of firearms

Controversy is continuing over the possibility of downloading technical specifications for the 3D printing of firearms free of charge and directly to computers, tablets and mobile phones, thus bypassing checks and regulatory measures. Weapons of this kind would not have serial numbers or any other identifying marks, making it almost impossible to establish their source and potentially creating a significant public safety problem.

- 1. Is the Commission working, in accordance with its powers, to monitor and take down from the internet downloadable specifications for the 3D printing of firearms?
- 2. Does it plan to put forward legislation that will prevent EU citizens from manufacturing firearms at home using technical specifications available on the internet?

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