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On 25 June 2018 the Council adopted conclusions¹ on Yemen against the background of the intensification of military operations. The EU reiterated that there cannot be any military solution to the conflict and underlined its strong support for the UN Special Envoy Martin Griffiths and his efforts to bring about an inclusive political solution. The EU will maintain its engagement with all parties to the conflict and stands ready to increase its action in Yemen, including in delivering humanitarian aid across the country and in mobilising development assistance to fund projects in critical sectors.

The Council underlines that sustainable peace can only be achieved through negotiations with the meaningful participation of all relevant parties, including civil society, women and young people.

On 28 September 2018, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP)2018/429 on a European Union Action in support of the United Nation Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Yemen (UNVIM). UNVIM aims at facilitating the unimpeded flow of commercial items to Yemen and reviving the economy of the country.

As for arms exports, it is recalled that Member States are bound by Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP². Each Member State assesses export licence applications against the criteria set out in the Common Position.

¹ 10369/18.

² Council Common Position of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment. Official Journal L 335, 13.12.2008, pp. 99-103.