

Amendment 1**Markéta Gregorová**

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Report**A9-0403/2023****Sven Mikser**Implementation of the common security and defence policy – annual report 2023
(2023/2119(INI))**Motion for a resolution****Recital V***Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

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Amendment 2

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Paragraph 56

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56. Condemns and is concerned by the hybrid warfare activities of PMCs and state-sponsored proxies such as the Wagner Group and other armed groups, militias and proxies in exerting influence in several countries across the world; calls on the EEAS to create an initiative with like-minded partners to counter malign non-state and state-sponsored actor groups, such as Wagner; emphasises that the existing EU toolboxes should include responses, such as sanctions, to non-EU states financing or cooperating with private military companies in vulnerable regions;

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Or. en

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Amendment 3

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Paragraph 5 a (new)

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5a. Urges the larger Member States with significant defence industry capacities, such as France, Spain and Italy, to significantly and urgently increase military assistance to Ukraine;

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Paragraph 5 b (new)

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5b. Calls on the Member States and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to present information to Parliament about the volume and value of past deliveries of military aid to Ukraine, including the audit conducted by the EEAS, and the amount of aid that Member States are willing to commit in 2024;

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Paragraph 5 c (new)

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5c. Stresses the need to link the quantity and quality of military aid delivered by a Member State to Ukraine to the level of subsidies its defence companies receive from the EDF in order to strengthen solidarity and security both within the EU and for Ukraine;

Or. en

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Amendment 6

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Paragraph 5 d (new)

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5d. Urges the Member States' governments to immediately enter into dialogue with defence companies in order to guarantee that production and delivery of, in particular, ammunition, shells and missiles for Ukraine are prioritised over orders from other third countries;

Or. en

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Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6a. Stresses the need to transform the EPF into a tool that focuses more on incentivising the joint procurement and delivery of state-of-the-art military technology to Ukraine;

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10. Underlines the EU's concrete support to Ukraine through the 'three ammunition tracks'; urges faster delivery of ammunition from Member States' existing stocks through the EPF; draws attention to track two of the 'three ammunition tracks', which aims to provide one million artillery rounds to Ukraine by March 2024, and expresses concern about recent statements which indicate that the deadline will not be met; calls on the VP/HR, the Commission and the Member States for the joint procurement of ammunition for Ukraine to be sped up and stresses the need to ramp up the manufacturing capacities of the European industry by ensuring rapid and effective implementation of the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP); encourages the Member States to provide specialised opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the European defence sector so that they have the capacity to participate in the bidding process; calls on the EU Member States to accelerate the development of military ammunition production capacities, with particular focus on joint projects with Ukraine; further stresses that concrete steps should be taken towards Ukraine's integration in EU defence and cybersecurity policies and programmes

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