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pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure

on ensuring full compliance with the EU's criteria for the export of arms and military equipment to third countries

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Written declaration on ensuring full compliance with the EU's criteria for the export of arms and military equipment to third countries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the EU's Common Position 2008/944/CFSP,
 - having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Article 32 of the Lisbon Treaty states that Member States shall consult one another within the European Council and the Council on any matter of foreign and security policy of general interest in order to determine a common approach,
- B. whereas the export of arms to third countries that do not respect the principles of democracy and cooperate with unstable regimes may cause serious security threats in the EU and elsewhere,
1. Points out that the EU needs to develop a strong CFSP to effectively promote peace and international security, defend its interests in the world and protect its citizens;
 2. Emphasises that no Member State has the right to engage in military equipment deals that violate security interests of another Member State; emphasises also that all decisions concerning the export of military equipment must reflect a consensus reached in open consultations between all EU Member States and institutions;
 3. Emphasises that, as a result of these consultations, the EU must prevent irresponsible exports of arms and military equipment to third countries;
 4. Calls on the Council to evaluate the implementation of the criteria of the EU's Common Position 2008/944/CFSP and to take the necessary actions to ensure full compliance with these criteria;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the IAEA and Member State parliaments.