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to the Commission**

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Subject: European Defence Industrial Development Programme

In June, the Commission proposed a European Defence Industry Development Programme for 2019-2020, under which it would allocate EUR 500 million to co-finance new defence and security technology projects in their development phase. According to the draft legislative initiative, consortia consisting of at least three companies who have their seats in at least two Member States can apply for support.

The Commission's intention is to encourage increased cooperation between European defence and security industry companies. The conclusions drawn from the two-year programme will serve as a basis for a future programme to support defence technology research and development as part of the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

In the context of the very tight timetable for the implementation of this initiative, as well as the lack of time for a meticulous evaluation of the programme for 2019-2020 on which the long-term support programme for 2021-2027 was to be based, I should like to put the following questions to the Commission:

- What system for evaluating the programme's functioning does the Commission propose, taking into account the fact that preparations for the future programme to support defence technology research and development in the 2021-2027 MMF will be occurring simultaneously to the implementation of the programme for 2019-2020?
- What will be the key criteria for a positive evaluation of the programme?
- Is there a plan for the geographical division of funds for 2019-2020 to ensure that part of the funds also reach the defence industry in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe?