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to the Commission**
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Subject: Artificial Intelligence within the European Defence Fund

The more and more frequent use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not a question of the future, but is the present reality. The biggest online companies create applications based on AI, which means we use this technology without even being aware of it.

Researchers, IT specialists and security and defence professionals devote more and more time and effort to AI. It is no longer a secret that some countries are already carrying out advance work on using artificial intelligence to control drones or air defence systems. As the European Parliament, we have voted in favour of restricting the development of weapons that can decide about human life on their own. However, there are enormous opportunities for using AI for security purposes in the broad sense of the term, such as for emergency monitoring or warning systems. Such actions should be supported, especially in view of the potential positive impact on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say if it is going to allocate some funds from the European Defence Fund, within the next multiannual financial framework, to research and implement defence technologies that use artificial intelligence?