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to the Commission

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Subject: Exports of weapons and defense systems by EU companies to third countries

In September 2019, the President of the Commission announced that the strategic priority of her new Commission was to be geopolitical in nature. The Commission has therefore been working towards developing a more solid Common Foreign and Security Policy.

In order to achieve this end, a strategic approach as regards the sales and co-development of weapon and defence systems with third countries is required. A coherent strategy of selling and co-developing defence systems should be put in place, which takes into account the strategic reliability, trustworthiness and long-term strategic alignment of recipient third countries with the EU’s strategic long-term priorities.

1. Can the Commission provide us with data on the sales of weapons and defence systems of the Member States to third countries, and a list of those countries and sales per country?

2. Can it provide a list of the direct involvement of EU companies and consortia with third-country companies when it comes to co-developing defence projects and exploration/drilling activities in the sea?

3. Will it consider monitoring the Member States and their involvement with third countries in matters relating to technologies that could be used against a Member State or an ally, such as drones and satellite infrastructure?