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In recent years, rivalry has become increasingly pronounced in the space sector, which has, day by day, been growing beyond its emerging status, so much so that, in December 2019, NATO declared space to be its fifth area of operations, while public and private bodies have been rapidly acquiring and developing resources, capacity and technologies in this sector. Given the strategic importance of the space sector for the EU and its defence capability, it could soon become a new theatre for wars and/or conflicts. In view of this:

1. What measures will the Commission take to step up cybersecurity and the security of European space assets in general?
2. How does it intend to develop EU space defence capacity?
3. Will it initiate deliberations on space policy, especially the twin-track (civil and military) use of space infrastructure?