

**Question for written answer E-006815/2020/rev.1
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Council decision giving the EU a strong voice at the NPT Review Conference in the light of the entry into force of the Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons

Under Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), nuclear weapon states have the obligation to negotiate total nuclear disarmament in good faith. By adopting an action plan in 2010, they committed to fulfilling this obligation. In January 2021, the Treaty Prohibiting Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will come into force.

In 2010, the Council adopted a decision on a common EU position for the NPT Review Conference. In his remarks to Parliament on 20 October 2020, VP/HR Borrell mentioned that 'together with Member States, we are preparing a strong and forward-looking common European Union position for the NPT Review Conference', which is expected to take place in August 2021.

1. Have proposals been made for a Council decision to be adopted on a common EU position at the NPT Review Conference, and if so which Member-State(s) or institution(s) supported and opposed it?
2. Have Council discussions on the TPNW been proposed, and if not, why are these discussions not taking place?
3. Has the Council, during the German Presidency, attempted to initiate EU discussions on the TPNW, including by welcoming the TPNW through a Common Position for the NPT Review Conference?