

**Question for written answer E-001179/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: The implications of the UK's departure from Operation Althea

Since the Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union did not specify any provisions on the common foreign and security policy or common security and defence policy, the UK has ended its contribution to Operation Althea and British personnel have left the mission, reducing the number of contributing nations from 20 to 19.

1. What action has been taken to mitigate the immediate consequences of the UK's departure, and how does the UK's departure reflect on day-to-day operational capabilities?
2. Given that the UK provided most of the capabilities for the mission, how does the Commission plan to supplement lost personnel and technical and support capabilities?
3. Is there a possibility to utilise the valuable personnel of neighbouring Member States to bolster the mission and continue providing stability and security to Bosnia and Herzegovina?