

Question for written answer E-001265/2021/rev.1
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Proceeds from confiscated weapons for the Peace Facility

Operation IRINI is engaged in monitoring the weapons embargo against Libya, among other things, which also results in weapons being confiscated. Article 20(6)(b) of the Proposal of the Vice-President / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR/VP) of 13 June 2018 on the European Peace Facility (HR(2018) 94) states that 'revenue' also includes 'interest received, revenue from sales [...]'. On 25 February 2021, the current HR/VP Josep Borrell suggested to the Committee on the Peace Facility that all the revenue generated by the sale of weapons confiscated by the Member States should go to the Peace Facility.

1. Are there any plans to introduce the sale of confiscated weapons from Operation IRINI (or other EU operations) to non-EU countries? If so, under what procedure (who to apply to, how to apply, etc.)?
2. Have weapons confiscated under Operation IRINI (or other EU operations) been sold to non-EU countries in the past? If so, from which operations (please indicate the quantity of weapons confiscated, broken down by type and value) and to which countries?
3. If weapons confiscated under Operation IRINI (or other EU operations) have been sold to non-EU countries, have there been any refusals to sell to non-EU countries? If so, which countries were these, and what were the reasons for the refusals?