

**Question for written answer E-001716/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Dangerous strategies and scenarios emerging from the NATO-led 'Defender Europe 21' manoeuvres

Thousands of American and NATO troops are landing at the port of Alexandroupolis to take part in the 'Defender Europe 21' war simulation manoeuvres, highlighting the bitter rivalry between the US, NATO and EU on the one hand and Russia, China and Iran, on the other.

The envisaged scenarios include the repression by NATO troops of popular uprisings. They are being trained in particular to curb demonstrations, protests and riots that have been deliberately orchestrated and encouraged by political parties. In line with last year's CFSP review, the focus is on 'EU security risks', including 'measures to counter mass protests'.

On the pretext of countering 'radicalisation' the EU, NATO and national governments are intent on deploying security forces to clamp down on public expressions of discontent and opposition to imperialist wars and designs. For years now, NATO, together with the Greek armed forces, has been conducting manoeuvres simulating combat and crowd control in populated areas in response to an 'internal threat'.

In view of the above:

1. What view does the Commission take of these dangerous conflict simulation strategies and scenarios in response to the threat of 'radicalisation', the meaning of which is being kept deliberately vague, in order to target any form of collective mobilisation and protest including that organised by trade unions?
2. Do the military exercises being organised by, or with the participation of, forces belonging to the EU and its Member States include the measures to break up demonstrations and under what precise conditions would such measures be taken?