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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The Commission is not mandated to monitor participation of EU Member States in the Yemen conflict.

The decision to impose an arms embargo on a third country lies fully with the Council of the EU and is taken by unanimity. Common Position 2008/944/CFSP<sup>12</sup> lays down eight risk assessment criteria for exports of military technology and equipment by Member States, including respect for human rights and international humanitarian law by the country of final destination. The final decision whether to authorise or to deny an export or transit remains with the Member States' authorities. It is up to national institutions, including parliaments and courts, to verify that the relevant rules are complied with. The Council publishes an annual report presenting the authorised exports of military goods to all destinations by all Member States.

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<sup>1</sup> Common Foreign and Security Policy

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32008E0944>