

**Question for written answer E-002431/2021/rev.1**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: Statement by Josep Borrell on Russian troops in Crimea

On 19 April 2021, Josep Borrell said he was worried by the presence of Russian soldiers on the border between Ukraine and the Russian province of Crimea and called for a stop to the build-up of Russian military forces.

These troop movements are a normal reaction by Russia to the threats constantly being brandished by the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

By taking this stand, is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy admitting that he is making the European Union subservient to NATO, and hence to US foreign policy? Is it the aim of the EU's diplomatic policy to make Ukraine a member of NATO, and thus provoke the Kremlin?