

Question for written answer E-001537/2022

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

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Subject: Exports of European arms to Russia

According to Investigate Europe journalists, ten Member States have been continuing to sell arms to Russia beyond 2014, despite the fact that such sales were banned under Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014.

It must be remembered that arms exports to third countries that fail to meet the criteria set out in Common Position 2008/944/CFSP may jeopardise the security and territorial integrity of Member States and undermine common foreign policy and shared objectives. In view of this:

1. Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say whether arms are still being sold to Russia under the contracts concluded prior to 31 July 2014?
2. What measures will he take to ensure full compliance with Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 and the principles and criteria set out in Common Position 2008/944/CFSP?
3. Will he present a proposal for the creation of a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the Common Position and the introduction of more comprehensive framework provisions governing arms exports to third countries, so that this does not remain a matter of purely national competence?