

Question for written answer E-003455/2022

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

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Subject: Iranian weapons to Russia

In the last few weeks, we have witnessed an increased flow of weapons from Iran to Russia, aiming to offset steep Russian weapons losses and rebuild its supply of precision-guided munitions¹. In spite of the large volume of evidence available, the Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Hamirabdollahian continues to deny any involvement of the Islamic Republic in providing weapons to Russia. Following the death of Mahsa Amini and the other victims of the morality police's outrageous actions, the Islamic Republic continues to lack even the minimum standards of accountability.

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

1. Whether the EU intends to launch an independent investigation into this increased flow of weapons?
2. If the fact of supplying weapons is verified, whether it intends to launch a package of sanctions against the Islamic Republic that might include the designation of the entire Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the Ministry of Intelligence as a terrorist entity and the expulsion of their agents and operatives from the EU, together with the revocation of their passports?

¹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/10/16/iran-russia-missiles-ukraine/>