

Question for written answer E-000520/2023

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

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Subject: Updating of the Strategic Compass

The Strategic Compass contains time-bound commitments to strengthen our strategic sovereignty in the area of security and defence, and to ensure that the Union is able to cope with security threats that are increasing in number and intensity. Since the adoption of this strategy, the sensitivities, needs, opportunities and ambitions of the Union have been subject to the impact of the now year-long Russian war of aggression against Ukraine.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) consider that an update of the Strategic Compass is useful or necessary in light of rapid and far-reaching developments faced by the Union as a result of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, a war that has been ongoing for one year and fuelling fears of further or new escalations?
2. If necessary, would the VP/HR be ready to initiate an adaptation of this policy instrument, consolidating the commitments it contains, expediting its implementation and incorporating new ambitions and steps in the strategy?
3. What new initiatives would the VP/HR consider, if any, to upgrade the strategy in light of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and all the associated security and defence challenges?

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