

**Question for written answer E-001076/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Russian nuclear weapons to be deployed in Belarus

The President of Russia has announced the placement of tactical nuclear weapons on Belarusian territory by mid-summer. His announcement would imply an escalation of the conflict and a threat to European security.

Minsk will certainly face further sanctions if Moscow's decision goes ahead; however, citizens of the European Union are worried, and justifiably so.

The situation for Russian troops in Ukraine appears to be bringing Putin's authoritarian regime ever closer to an act of desperation. Therefore, it is an absolute necessity for Europe to be fully prepared for every eventuality.

In view of this:

What steps has the Commission taken to prevent a nuclear holocaust and what information is it providing to the citizens of the Union on how to act and protect themselves if this act of desperation is carried out?

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