

**Question for written answer E-001250/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Greek Government involvement in exports of Predator malware

Following revelations that the Greek Government had granted licenses for the export of illegal Predator malware to Madagascar, where confirmation was received by the New York Times<sup>1</sup>, and to two other countries, one of which is located in East Africa<sup>2</sup>, the European Public Prosecutor's Office has reportedly opened an investigation into illegal Predator software exports by the Greek Government in breach of Regulation (EU) 2021/821 setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items<sup>3</sup>. At the same time, during an exchange of views on 28 March in the European Parliament's PEGA committee of inquiry, Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis criticised the Greek Government for its use of Predator software, adding that it had not yet replied to the Commission's request of 14 February for an explanation regarding the matter of Predator export licences<sup>4</sup>.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether the Greek Government has since replied to its request for information?
2. Has it been informed of the findings of the formal administrative inquiry into the above revelations, which the Greek Government has so far refused to disclose?
3. Does it intend to take part in a full investigation into the revelations surrounding illegal exports of Predator software and, if so, what specific contribution will it make?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/08/us/politics/spyware-nso-pegasus-paragon.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.kathimerini.gr/politics/562182763/predator-adeies-exagogis-se-intellexa-gia-dyo-akomi-chores/>,  
<https://www.lighthousereports.com/investigation/flight-of-the-predator/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/exclusive-eu-prosecutor-probes-greek-predatorgate/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/dombrovskis-slams-greek-government-over-spyware-scandal/>