

**Question for written answer E-001902/2023
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Seizing and decommissioning of weapons under Operation IRINI

The arms embargo against Libya will be monitored and enforced under the EU military operation in the Mediterranean (Operation IRINI) Military personnel may seize equipment for this purpose and pass it on to a Member State to be stored and destroyed. However, the rules surrounding the decommissioning process are unclear.

1. Does the Council consider the transfer of seized weapons to another Member State for storage and destruction under Operation IRINI to be compliant with Article 2(5) of Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/472 as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/653 of 20 March 2023, and if not, what amendments to EU regulations or sanctions against Libya are necessary?
2. Does the Council believe that Member States (such as Italy and Greece) have sufficient legal bases in place to decommission weapons or equipment redistributed to them as a result of Operation IRINI, and if not, how does the Council propose to change this?
3. To date, how many weapons and how much military equipment has been seized as part of Operation IRINI, and what proportion of these have been destroyed by which Member States or passed on to third countries?

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