

**Question for written answer E-002980/2023
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Transfer to Ukraine of military equipment seized by EU missions

Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI made two recent significant seizures¹ of illicit cargos on their way to Libya. These contained around 150 armoured vehicles. It is not known how the seized vehicles will be disposed of or where they will be sent. Meanwhile, the US transfers² the weapons it seizes from Iran to Ukraine. The EU should do so the same with the military equipment it seizes.

1. Has the Political and Security Committee, as the body responsible, decided how it will dispose of the seized vehicles (outside of the EU) and has it received a proposal from the EU Operation Commander in this regard?
2. Have the vehicles seized by Operation EUNAVFOR MED IRINI and other military equipment seized by this or other missions been donated and sent to Ukraine, and if not, will they be?
3. Have the Council's European Peace Facility Committee and the Political and Security Committee discussed and taken a position on the donation to Ukraine of military equipment confiscated by EU missions/operations?

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¹ <https://www.operationirini.eu/un-security-council-extends-the-legal-framework-for-eunavfor-med-irinis-core-task/>.

² <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/10/04/politics/us-iran-seized-weapons-ukraine/index.html>.