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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware that military Bayraktar drones manufactured in Türkiye are exported to various countries around the world.

While information on the parts and components of the Bayraktar drones is not publicly available, the Commission is aware that the names of the manufacturers of some of the components were disclosed in the press in 2020. On the basis of this, it came to the Commission's knowledge that the majority of the identified components had been manufactured in the United States or Canada, while only two of these were of EU origin.

With respect to one of the EU-origin components – the Rotax engine –, the Commission observes that it is not included in the control list of Regulation (EU) 2021/821¹ on the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items ('EU Dual-Use Regulation'), but notes that the producing company stopped exporting such engines to Türkiye. Furthermore, with respect to dual-use components, the Commission is supporting the exchange of information between the competent authorities of the Member States, including through the dual-use electronic system, so that they are aware of risks of military end-use including risks relating to acts of aggression.

Regarding the other EU-origin item – missile heads –, the Commission observes that such items do not fall under the scope of the EU Dual-Use Regulation but are listed on the EU Common Military List which is under the exclusive competence of the Member States. Export control measures in such cases stem from the EU Common Position 2008/944², as well as from the Arms Trade Treaty and additional national measures, all applied and enforced nationally by Member States.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/821/oj>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32008E0944>