

Question for written answer E-003221/2023

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: European ammunition production and the pledge to Ukraine

Recent reports on European artillery ammunition production forecast that the EU will not be able to deliver the million artillery shells pledged to Ukraine by March 2024, as decided by the Council on 20 March 2023 (7632/23). Since that decision, the EU has already taken steps to increase its ammunition production with the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP) (Regulation (EU) 2023/1525). Nevertheless, legitimate doubts remain about the pace at which the Union is increasing its production capacity. This is especially the case in light of reports of increased Russian production and supplies of ammunition by North Korea to Russia.

1. Does the Vice-President / High Representative expect that we can still meet our pledge to Ukraine to deliver one million artillery shells by March 2024?
2. Are any initiatives underway in the Commission or EEAS to further support European ammunition production?

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