

Question for written answer E-000443/2024

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

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Subject: European Headline Goal process and capability planning for defence

A key activity of the European Defence Agency is the regular development of capability planning scenarios to support future investments to strengthen our armed forces. These capability planning scenarios are based on input from Member States and should be coherent with other European defence initiatives such as PESCO, CARD and the 2010 Headline Goal. The Strategic Compass calls for a review of this Headline Goal process by 2023, but little has been communicated in this regard to date.

1. Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy confirm whether this revision is still under consideration?
2. Will subsequent capability planning scenarios take account of NATO initiatives in this regard, more specifically the NATO Defence Planning Process?

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