

**Question for written answer E-001052/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: NATO document on the number of serving personnel and reserves in Member States' armies

A document has recently been circulating among the Permanent Representations of the EU members of NATO which details and compares the number of serving and reserve military personnel in each EU country to the forces that could potentially be deployed by the Russian Federation.

This analysis follows the arms policy being promoted by NATO and backed by the Commission, with EUR 100 billion allocated to funding the arming of Ukraine and the increase of defence expenditure to 2 % of GDP in each Member State, and suggests we need to prepare for a further escalation of the conflict with Russia.

Given the clearly disastrous impact of this warlike policy on the economies of the EU countries, the gradual impoverishment of the EU population and the evident signs of dissatisfaction among EU citizens with this drift into warmongering sponsored by the EU Institutions, does the Commission not feel that it should:

1. Shed light on the aim of the document that is circulating as regards the number of military personnel available, and ascertain what strategic repercussions this may have on the framing of EU foreign policy?
2. Promote an inter-institutional dialogue with NATO and the Council of Europe to pursue diplomatic solutions which prevent the escalation of a situation that is clearly becoming unmanageable and could lead to nuclear conflict?

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