

**Question for oral answer O-0076/2010  
to the Council**

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Subject: Common foreign and security policy

- Given that the Treaty on the European Union has established the principle of political solidarity (Article 24) and stresses that Member States shall consult one another within the European Council and the Council on any matter of foreign and security policy of general interest in order to determine a common approach (Article 32),
  - given that Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP<sup>1</sup> of 8 December 2008, defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment, details eight decision-making criteria that the Member States agree to respect when reviewing arms export requests, among them the recipient's compliance with international commitments, respect for human rights, and the preservation of regional peace, security and stability,
1. Is the Council of the opinion that military equipment exports to third countries should in principle be subject to consultations within the Council on the basis of the above- mentioned principles and common position?
  2. Have arms exports to third countries ever been the subject of discussions in the Council, and if so, concerning which third countries?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 335 of 13.12.2008, p. 99