

Question for written answer P-004957/2018/rev.1
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Council decision on launching a 'common defence' policy

Article 42(2) TEU states that the 'progressive framing of a common Union defence policy' can 'lead to a common defence, when the European Council, acting unanimously, so decides.' In that case, the same Article also states that the European Council shall 'recommend to the Member States the adoption of such a decision in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements'. For some Member States this entails ratification by parliament.

1. Has the Council, in compliance with the procedure of Article 42(2) TEU, decided to launch a 'common defence' policy in the sense of a territorial defence of the Union?
2. If yes, please specify the relevant Council meeting, date and document adopted and which Member States have ratified it or are planning to do so.
3. If no, please indicate whether such a decision is being prepared or whether the 'progressive framing of a common Union defence policy' is underway, and provide information on its timeline.