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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Borrell i Fontelles
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The working drafts of the Strategic Compass are documents classified 'EU limited'. The first draft was shared with the European Parliament's AFET Committee and Security and Defence (SEDE) Sub-Committee following a COREPER Decision on 20 December 2021. Furthermore, on 25 January 2022, the High Representative/Vice-President held an exchange of views with AFET and SEDE Members. Once agreed by the EU Member States, the Strategic Compass will be a public document.
2. The first draft of the Strategic Compass was prepared by the European External Action Service (EEAS) under the guidance of the High Representative/Vice-President, based on inputs and discussions with EU Member States in 2021. The Commission and the European Defence Agency were closely associated. Ultimately, the draft will be finalised together with EU Member States and is expected to be adopted by the Foreign Affairs Council in March 2022. The threat analysis conducted in November 2020 as part of the Strategic Compass process, is a 'EU secret' document prepared by the EU Single Intelligence Analysis Capability (SIAC), based on input from EU Member States' civilian and military intelligence services. It is accessible to EEAS, Commission, Council and Member States' staff with valid security clearance on a need-to-know basis.
3. As noted before, the draft Strategic Compass and its foreword by the High Representative/Vice-President have been shared with AFET and SEDE Members.