

**Priority question for written answer P-000441/2022/rev.1
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Questions on the strategic compass

According to press reports, in November 2021 Josip Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, presented a first draft of a 'strategic compass' for the European Union. This is based on a threat analysis which, like the strategic compass, is classified information and therefore not available to the public.

1. Who has access to these documents and why are the democratically-elected Members of the European Parliament excluded from accessing this information, and on what legal basis?
2. Who is or was involved in drawing up the threat assessment and the strategic compass, and which democratically-legitimised bodies ultimately decide on them?
3. How should the European Parliament decide, under its budgetary powers, on expenditure on defence measures in future if these are not made transparent to Parliament?