Priority question for written answer P-001351/2024
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Dissemination of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories by General Robert Brieger

On 20 April 2024¹ the Austrian daily newspaper ‘Der Standard’ reported that the Chairman of the EU Military Committee, General Robert Brieger, had commented positively on neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, and disseminated them, on Facebook².

1. Is the comment by General Brieger and the resulting impression of closeness to neo-Nazi thinking compatible with his office as Chairman of the Military Committee and, if so, to what extent?

2. Does the Council intend to conduct a check into possible links with Russia, China or other authoritarian states?

3. Does the Council intend to take or propose administrative action on the basis of an examination of the evidence?

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² ‘Above all it’s a hidden chapter in the history of the victors’, Brieger writes below the shared link about the Rheinwiesenlager prisoner detention camps, which in fact were critically reappraised by historians from the 1970s onwards.’ (unofficial translation)