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to the Commission
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Subject: Problematic movements of weapons sent to Ukraine

NATO, the US and the EU are constantly receiving reports about the ‘unexpected’ fate of weapons sent to Ukraine. Modern anti-tank systems, grenade launchers, small arms, expensive artillery systems, missile systems and high-tech recognition equipment are unaccounted for.

Former whistle-blowers from the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence report that they have been able to identify NATO weapons that are being resold by the Ukrainian Government.

It is said that European weapons intended for Ukraine are being sold on the darknet by anonymous groups using the ‘stash’ method: the buyer pays using bitcoin or other cryptocurrencies and is then informed by the seller where the weapons are hidden. These weapons often follow the routes of Ukrainian grain...

In the worst cases, they end up on the black market and ultimately in international war hotspots and in the hands of terrorist organisations and drug cartels.

European taxpayers deserve to know what is becoming of the exorbitant profits obtained in an underhand way using their money.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the Commission demanding information from the Ukrainian Government regarding the number of weapons supplied by the EU that have been destroyed and the number that have ‘gone missing’ in Ukraine? How often is the Commission receiving this kind of information?

2. In view of the large number of cases reported, how does the Commission intend to investigate the suspected profits made by members of the Ukrainian Government from the trafficking of arms obtained through European aid?

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