

Question for written answer E-003288/2025

to the Council

Rule 144

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Subject: Including drug trafficking cartels on the EU list of terrorist organisations

The US is drawing up a strategy against drug trafficking that includes the deployment of the army off the Venezuelan coast. The US has made it possible for such steps to be taken by classifying drug cartels as ‘foreign terrorist organisations’. This means that all available resources can be used in the war on drugs.

Unfortunately, the Council ignored the request made in written question E-000631/2025¹ when it updated the EU list of terrorist organisations² on 29 July and did not include cartels or organisations linked to drug trafficking, such as the Cartel of the Suns or the Mexican cartels.

According to the European Union Drugs Agency, South America is a key source of illicit drug supply in Europe³. With that in mind:

1. Does the Council intend to propose the inclusion of drug cartels as part of the forthcoming review of common position 2001/931/CFSP?
2. Is the Council concerned about certain far-left governments in the Americas – such as those of Venezuela, Cuba and Mexico – colluding with drug trafficking cartels?
3. Does the Council intend to urge the Member States to update their anti-drug-trafficking strategies in the light of the ambitious initiatives undertaken by Donald Trump in the United States?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000631_EN.html.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202501577.

³ <https://www.euda.europa.eu/publications/european-drug-report/2025/cocaine>.