

**Question for written answer E-004397/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: High risk from Hellenic Defence Systems installations in Lavrio

According to complaints from the Labour Centre of Lavrio, East Attica, a serious public safety issue has arisen due to the industrial installations of Hellenic Defence Systems.

On the basis of a study by the National Technical University of Athens and the ‘Demokritos’ National Centre for Scientific Research, more than 220 tonnes of powerful free form explosives are located in the territory of the installations due to an incorrect deactivation procedure for hundreds of thousands of mines.

The Nea Demokratia Government bears huge responsibility. On the basis of the EU’s plans for the military industry, Nea Demokratia has upgraded the role of Hellenic Defence Systems, disregarding the consequences.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission’s position on the issue of the enormous risks created in the wider Lavrio area by the unit and the transportation of military equipment and explosives to and from it, which is financed by EU funds and serves the war plans of the EU and the Government?
2. What measures have been taken by the EU regarding the safety of the population in areas in which such units are located, given that the strategy for military mobility not only includes no provisions for safety, but focuses solely on increasing transport speed and cargo capacity – heightening the danger – leaving people exposed to war preparations, military action and the risks resulting from the lack of safety measures?
3. Are there emergency and protection plans for a large-scale industrial accident that specifically refer to the military industry and the transportation of military material and that aim to protect residents or passengers of public transport in the event of an accident, and what are they?

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