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to the Commission**

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Subject: Urgent need for a revision of the Pyrotechnics Directive

During the meeting of the LIBE committee of 11 November 2025, representatives from Europol and the Netherlands Police Force indicated that the criminal use of heavy fireworks (pyrotechnics) is increasing considerably, with criminals using them in activities including attempted murder, attacks, threats, and intimidation, or to blow up ATMs, all of which are linked to organised crime. Europol underlined that the category of heaviest pyrotechnics (F4) has almost no legal use and no obstacle exists to fully ban the production and use of this category.

A group of mayors from large European cities has already called for urgent EU action against this increasing crime phenomenon<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission representatives mentioned that political validation of the College is being sought at the moment before further steps are taken to update the legislative framework.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission share these views that the criminal use of pyrotechnics is a serious problem for security in the EU, and that urgent European (legislative) action is needed to counter this problem?
2. When does the Commission plan to have the political validation, in order to launch the impact assessment process and to further prepare the necessary legislation, including the update of the Pyrotechnics Directive<sup>2</sup> and an accompanying criminal law instrument laying down minimum standards in criminal law regarding the production, transport and use of pyrotechnics?

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<sup>1</sup> Including Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Cologne, Malmö, Strasbourg, Bordeaux, Braga and Sofia: <https://share.google/1Jzw5HV4SBDQITC8I>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 178, 28.6.2013, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2013/29/oj>.