

**Question for written answer E-004843/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Risk of a common procurement for landmines according to Security Action for Europe Regulation

While the EU has been a strong supporter of international conventions banning the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines (Ottawa Convention¹) and cluster munitions, several Member States have recently withdrawn or announced their intentions to withdraw from these treaties.

The EU is a major donor in mine action, providing substantial aid for mine clearance worldwide. On 14 April 2025, Council Decision 2025/781² was adopted to further support the implementation and universalisation of the Ottawa Convention.

On 23 October 2025, the EU delegation to the UN declared before the First Committee on Disarmament: ‘We are deeply concerned by the ongoing use of anti-personnel mines. The EU is resolute in its support for and advancing of the humanitarian objectives of the [Ottawa] Convention, which remains [...] an important and effective humanitarian disarmament instrument.’

Yet, according to Security Action for Europe Regulation (SAFE), simplified and accelerated common procurement procedures will now be established for the acquisition of products for defence purposes, including military counter mobility, a category that includes barriers and obstacles intended to restrict enemy movement, which could encompass landmines.

Against this backdrop, can the Commission clarify:

1. If SAFE funding for the procurement and use of landmines will be allowed?
2. And if so, whether that would be contrary to its public position and a violation of the EU treaties and international humanitarian law?

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¹ <https://disarmament.unoda.org/en/our-work/conventional-arms/anti-personnel-landmines-convention>.

² OJ L, 2025/781, 15.4.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/781/oj>.