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to the Commission
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Subject: Transfer arrangements for military personnel, protection of family life and housing difficulties of members of the armed forces

The absence of a specific framework on transfers of armed forces personnel, based on the number of years of actual service, creates serious social, family and financial consequences for members of the armed forces and their families.

Frequent transfers, especially to areas with high housing costs and limited availability of long-term housing, place a heavy burden on family income and act as a barrier to the professional and social stability of military families.

At the same time, the constant movement of families places a psychological burden on their school-age children, destabilises family life and leads to increased difficulties in adjusting to school and social settings. What is more, this situation appears to contribute to the increasing number of resignations among military personnel, as well as to the decreasing attractiveness of military schools.

In light of Article 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union on respect for private and family life, Article 33 thereof on the protection of family and professional life, and the European Pillar of Social Rights:

1. How does it assess the impact of frequent transfers of military personnel on family cohesion, child protection and work-life balance?

2. Does it consider that specific support policies are needed for personnel serving in areas with particularly high housing costs?

3. Are there best practices in Member States for long-term stability in the deployment of military personnel after a specific number of years of service?

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