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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The fight against organised crime is a shared challenge and priority for the EU and Mexico. The EU closely follows the Mexican government's new security strategy,

As indicated in the reply to your question E-002382/2024 from 31 October 2024, the EU remains committed to cooperating with and supporting Mexico to address security and drug trafficking, notably through the programme of the EU with Latin America and the Caribbean against Transnational Organised Crime EL PACCTO¹ and the Cooperation Program between Latin America, the Caribbean and the EU on drug policy COPOLAD².

The EU makes use of the appropriate tools to ensure a sound management of EU funds at all stages of the project management cycle, notably through monitoring and evaluation.

Reinforcing EU-Mexico cooperation in the fight against firearms trafficking is also a shared priority. The EU seeks to improve international cooperation of law enforcement services. The EU has been encouraging Mexico to increase its involvement in the operational actions of the European Multiplatform against criminal threats (EMPACT) firearms and of the network of Police Specialized in Arms Trafficking (red ARCO), which is part of the EU programme El PACCTO.

Regarding allegations that a percentage of firearms seized in Mexico is originating from EU Member States, the Commission underlines that it has no access to the operations of exportation, as it is a national competence. EU law governing the export of firearms for civilian use³ has safeguards to ensure legal transactions. The EU recently adopted a recast Regulation that introduces, inter alia, more safeguards such as the issue of a user statement regarding the final use, the need for a proof of receipt and the possibility to carry out post-shipment checks.

¹ <https://elpaccto.eu/en/>

² <https://copolad.eu/en/>

³ Regulation (EU) N° 258/2012.