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**Question for written answer E-000197/25
to the Commission
Cristina Guarda (Verts/ALE)
(17 January 2025)**

Subject: Denuclearisation of the International Gulf of Trieste

The 1947 Peace Treaty with Italy adopted by United Nations Security Council Resolution S/RES/16, established the Free Territory of Trieste as a demilitarised and neutral state.

However, the Gulf of Trieste currently hosts two military nuclear transit ports, the port of Trieste in Italy and the port of Koper in Slovenia, in violation of this Treaty.

The European Parliament took note of the entry into force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and recognised its vision for a nuclear weapon-free world ⁽¹⁾.

The denuclearisation of the Gulf of Trieste, as put forward by the NGO Mundo sin Guerras y sin Violencia (World without Wars and Violence) at the 2nd TPNW review meeting ⁽²⁾, would be the first foundation of a European 'nuclear-weapon-free zone' ⁽³⁾.

In view of the above, can the Commission clarify what actions it intends to promote, within the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, in support of the denuclearisation of the Gulf of Trieste and in implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 16?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(22 April 2025)**

The United Nations resolution mentioned by the Honourable Member is not anymore applicable. The current status of Trieste is determined by the Treaty between the Italian Republic and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, adopted in Osimo on 10 November 1975 ⁽⁴⁾.

It should be underlined that the regulation of military transit and port operations remains the exclusive prerogative of the Member States.

¹ European Parliament resolution of 15 December 2021 on the challenges and prospects for multilateral weapons of mass destruction arms control and disarmament regimes (2020/2001(INI)), <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021IP0504>.

² [https://docs-library.unoda.org/Treaty_on_the_Prohibition_of_Nuclear_Weapons_-_SecondMeeting_of_States_Parties_\(2023\)/TPNW.MSP_.2023.NGO_.16.pdf](https://docs-library.unoda.org/Treaty_on_the_Prohibition_of_Nuclear_Weapons_-_SecondMeeting_of_States_Parties_(2023)/TPNW.MSP_.2023.NGO_.16.pdf).

³ https://www.prif.org/fileadmin/Daten/Publikationen/Prif_Working_Papers/PRIF_WP_27.pdf.

⁽⁴⁾ Gazzetta Ufficiale of Italian Republic No 77 of 21 March 1977.