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Question for written answer E-000208/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Impact of the Russia-Iran Strategic Partnership Agreement on EU-Iran relations

The conclusion of a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement between Russia and Iran on 17 January 2025 and its reported focus on trade, investment and defence, as well as regional and international affairs, has potentially far-reaching geopolitical and security implications for the European Union and its relations with Iran.

1. How does the EEAS assess the possible impact of this strategic agreement on the political and economic relations between the European Union and Iran?
2. How does the EU intend to respond to a potential deepening of military and security cooperation between Russia and Iran, in particular with regard to the ongoing acts of war in Ukraine and Iran's provision of support to Russia?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU has always been very clear on Iran's unacceptable military support to Russia and has repeatedly called on Iran to immediately cease any direct or indirect assistance to Russia, which constitutes a manifest violation of the United Nations Charter ⁽¹⁾.

The Russia-Iran comprehensive strategic partnership signals that the two countries intend to work even closer together in many areas.

The EU will monitor very closely the implications of this agreement, as well as its potential impact on EU security and the rules-based international system and will react resolutely if needed.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/2pebccz2/20241017-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>