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**Question for written answer E-000631/25
to the Council
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(11 February 2025)**

Subject: Including Mexican drug cartels on the EU list of terrorist organisations

One of the first measures taken by the incoming President of the United States, Donald Trump, was to designate Mexican drug cartels as ‘foreign terrorist organisations’ ⁽¹⁾ in order to be able to allocate the necessary resources to the war on drugs.

However, at the end of January, the Council renewed the EU list of terrorist persons, groups and entities ⁽²⁾ without including the Mexican drug cartels as the Trump administration had done.

As this Member has warned in previous questions (E-001790/2024 ⁽³⁾, E-002382/2024 ⁽⁴⁾ and E-002686/2024/rev.1 ⁽⁵⁾), the complicity of Claudia Sheinbaum's government with drug trafficking organisations — with the approval of the botched judicial reform or with an unambitious ‘zero impunity’ security strategy, for instance — is making life easy for these organisations and ensuring their impunity in Mexico.

In light of the above:

1. Will the Council include Mexican cartels on the list as part of the forthcoming review of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism?
2. Will the Council attempt to coordinate a security strategy with the United States so as to jointly combat drug trafficking?

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**Reply
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The Council has not discussed the possible inclusion of Mexican cartels on the list of persons, groups and entities covered by the measures in Article 2 and 3 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP (‘CP 931’).

The Council can, at any time, adopt a decision to add additional persons, groups, or entities to the above-mentioned list, or to remove persons, groups or entities from that list. The listing of a person, group or entity under CP 931 must satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 1(2) to 1(4) of that Common Position, which, *inter alia*, provides a definition of ‘terrorist act’ and ‘persons, groups and entities involved in terrorist acts’ for this purpose.

As regards the question on coordination with the United States on drug-related matters, EU-US cooperation on combatting transnational organised crime and drug trafficking is a central focus of the longstanding EU-US Dialogue on Justice and Home Affairs held at ministerial and senior official level twice a year. The EU and the United States also regularly hold an EU-US Dialogue on Drugs in order to exchange information, strengthen bilateral cooperation and enhance coordination of actions undertaken globally to address drug-related issues. The discussions in these meetings focus on reducing drug supply by enhancing security, reducing drug demand through prevention, treatment and care services, and addressing drug-related harm, in line with the EU Drugs Strategy 2021-2025.

⁽¹⁾ THE WHITE HOUSE — Designating Cartels And Other Organisations As Foreign Terrorist Organisations And Specially Designated Global Terrorists — EXECUTIVE ORDER — 20 January 2025.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2025/207 of 30 January 2025 updating the list of persons, groups and entities covered by Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2024/2056.

⁽³⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001790_ES.html.

⁽⁴⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002382_ES.html.

⁽⁵⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002686_ES.html.