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**Question for written answer E-000867/25
to the Council**

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Subject: EU inaction in the face of the threat from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has been singled out on numerous occasions for its involvement in terrorist activities, regional destabilisation and internal repression. Canada has already taken the step of designating it a terrorist organisation, and the European Parliament has repeatedly called for its inclusion on the EU list. To date, however, this has yet to materialise.

It is worrying that the European Union continues to fail to take effective action against an organisation that undermines international security. The Council's inaction is inconsistent with EU values and the commitment to the fight against terrorism, and projects an image of weakness.

In view of the above:

1. Why has the Council not yet included the IRGC on the EU list of terrorist organisations?
2. What factors or interests are preventing this designation?
3. What concrete action does the Council intend to take to ensure that the decision to include the IRGC is not delayed indefinitely?

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Reply
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The EU has listed the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and persons and entities belonging to the IRGC under several EU restrictive measures regimes ⁽¹⁾.

The Council regularly reviews these restrictive measures in light of developments in Iran.

The listing of a person, group or entity under Common Position 2001/931/CFSP (CP 931) ⁽²⁾ must satisfy the conditions set out in Article 1(2) to 1(4) of that Common Position, which provides a definition of persons, groups and entities 'involved in terrorist acts' as well as a definition of 'terrorist acts' for this purpose, and specifies the requirements related to the adoption of a decision by a national competent authority in respect of the persons, groups and entities concerned.

The addition of any new organisations to the list of persons, groups and entities covered by the measures in Articles 2 and 3 of CP 931 is subject to the adoption of a Council decision by unanimity.

⁽¹⁾ Iran human rights sanctions regime, Iran weapons of mass destruction sanctions regime, Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region regime, the territorial integrity of Ukraine sanctions regime, the regime in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine and the Syria sanctions regime.

⁽²⁾ Council Common Position of 27 December 2001 on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism 2001/931/CFSP (OJ L 344 28.12.2001, p.93).