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Answer given by Mr Kubilius
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Defence Readiness Omnibus¹ adopted by the Commission on 17 June 2025 includes a Commission proposal to amend, amongst others, Directive 2009/43/EC as regards the simplification of intra-EU transfers of defence-related products². This proposal aims to improve the functioning of the intra-EU transfer mechanisms by ensuring their more uniform application by Member States. Neither this proposal, nor any other proposal under the Defence Readiness Omnibus includes any provision impacting the control of exports of military technology and equipment to third countries as referred to in the Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP³. Therefore, the Commission proposal does not increase the risk of ‘unwanted transfers of sensitive know-how’ related to the export of military technology and equipment to third countries.

2. The proposed changes to Directive 2009/43/EC do not influence the existing balance of responsibilities as regards exports of military technology and equipment to third countries as referred to in the Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP. They also do not modify the Member States’ obligations related to the assessment of export control licences in relation to exports to third countries established by the Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CONSIL:ST_10604_2025_INIT.

² COM(2025) 823 final.

³ Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December 2008 defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment (OJ L 335, 13.12.2008, p. 99, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/compos/2008/944/oj>).