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Question for written answer E-004931/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Rapid growth of Türkiye-Pakistan military cooperation and its implications for the security of Greece and the EU

In 2025, Türkiye and Pakistan proceeded with an unprecedented deepening of their military and strategic ties, with the signing of 24 new agreements covering critical areas such as the exchange of military personnel, special forces training, aviation electronic warfare and technology transfer for the development and possible joint production of weapons systems. At the same time, joint exercises and operational cooperation in areas of strategic interest were agreed upon. Türkiye is also being strengthened through energy cooperation, as it has secured licenses for exploration in five Pakistani fields from 2026.

The formation of a stable Ankara-Islamabad military axis is no longer theoretical: it translates into an immediate strengthening of Turkish capabilities in drones, electronic warfare, naval operations and the defence industry. This directly affects the security of Greece and Cyprus, especially given the aggressive Turkish behaviour in the Aegean, the challenge to sovereign rights and the instrumentalisation of migratory flows.

Türkiye's alignment with a nuclear-armed non-NATO country, without commitments to the EU, creates a significant geopolitical risk.

In view of the above:

How does the Commission assess the strategic upgrade in Türkiye-Pakistan relations and what actions does it intend to take to protect the security of Greece and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU closely monitors regional and international security developments, insofar as these may affect the EU's interests, the security of its Member States, and regional stability. This is and will continue to be a priority in the external relations agenda.

The Commission 2025 Enlargement report on Türkiye ⁽¹⁾ outlines the state of play of relations between Türkiye and Pakistan. The developments in the defence and security cooperation are closely followed, including through the EU Delegations in Ankara and Islamabad, as well as developments at regional level.

While third countries are free to pursue bilateral relations, the EU recalls that any such cooperation should be fully consistent with international law, regional stability, and non-proliferation commitments, and should be rooted in the rules-based international order and the principles of the UN Charter.

The EU and Pakistan have established a long term, forward-looking and broad-based partnership for peace, development and prosperity, rooted in such commitments.

The EU has a strategic interest in a stable and secure environment in the Eastern Mediterranean and in the development of a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with Türkiye, which is being implemented on the basis of the Joint Communication on EU-Türkiye relations ⁽²⁾ from November 2023 and the European Council Conclusions of April 2024 ⁽³⁾.

As an EU candidate country, Türkiye is expected to align to the EU's priorities on foreign, security and defence policy and commit unequivocally to good neighbourly relations, to international agreements and to the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter.

⁽¹⁾ SWD(2025) 756 final.

⁽²⁾ JOIN(2023) 50 final.

⁽³⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/04/18/european-council-conclusions-17-and-18-april-2024/>.