

(English version)

Question for written answer E-000898/26
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Russian 'Garmonija' (harmony) project

Does the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy share the assessment of certain security experts that the Russian 'Garmonija' (harmony) project in the Arctic region and Barents Sea constitutes an underwater cable surveillance system, as reported, for example, by the German Tagesschau (¹), and if so, what evidence does she possess indicating that this project could disrupt NATO maritime activities in the Arctic region?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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Russia is known to have taken steps that militarise the Arctic such as upgrading existing military bases and opening new ones, installing military equipment and facilities, conducting exercises, commissioning new nuclear submarines, testing nuclear-powered cruise missiles, as well as enlarging its fleet of icebreakers. The EU has put in place strict export controls on the relevant technologies, including dual-use technologies, to prevent the Russian military from using them.

¹ <https://www.tagesschau.de/investigativ/ndr-wdr/spionage-technik-russland-deutschland-100.html>.