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**Question for written answer E-001038/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Airport screening procedures for military personnel travelling on civil aircraft under the EU's military mobility package

The EU's military mobility package addresses the strategic priority of stepping up cooperation on defence and facilitating the movement of military personnel and assets throughout the Union, including in the context of cooperation with NATO. It means that military personnel are able to travel on civil aircraft and transit through commercial airport infrastructure.

However, reports have been circulating about the airport screening procedures applied to uniformed military personnel transiting through civil airports in Europe; procedures include requests to remove items of uniform and checks performed in the presence of other passengers. Although airport security requirements must be met, such practices may raise questions of proportionality and respect for the dignity and privacy of the personnel concerned.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Will the transit of uniformed military personnel on civil aircraft fall within the scope of the EU's military mobility policies?
2. Are there EU-wide guidelines or provisions on airport screening procedures for military personnel travelling on civil infrastructure?
3. Will the Commission team up with Member States and airport authorities to put forward common guidance to ensure proportionate checks that uphold the dignity of military personnel?

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**Answer given by Mr Kubilius on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission notes that the Military Mobility Package ⁽¹⁾ adopted in November 2025 stands as a comprehensive set of measures to ensure the swift, coordinated and secure movement of military personnel and equipment across the EU.

The Package includes a regulation proposal ⁽²⁾ aiming to strengthen Europe's defence readiness by addressing barriers to military mobility across transport regulatory, infrastructure, and capability dimensions-critical areas that currently hinder military transport across borders.

The Commission takes note of the issues raised concerning airport screening procedures for military personnel travelling via civil infrastructure.

However, these issues do not fall within the scope of the current legal provisions under the regulation proposal, since these do not include measures relating to security screening practices at airports.

Provisions on civil aviation security such as those in Regulation (EC) 300/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation security and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2320/2002 ⁽³⁾ stand as common rules to protect civil aviation against acts of unlawful interference that jeopardise the security of civil aviation.

Consequently, the Commission does not foresee, in the context of the measures laid down in the broader Military Mobility Package, the development of additional common guidance in this area. Any such considerations would fall outside the scope of the current envisaged measures and legislative proposal.

⁽¹⁾ https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/eu-defence-industry/military-mobility_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0847>.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/300/oj/eng>.