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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a key priority for the new Commission and the recently announced EU-NATO High Level Task Force is a recognition at the highest political level of the importance to further reinforce the existing EU-NATO cooperation. This Task Force will not be a decision-making body, but a forum to discuss strategic issues and steer the work on the implementation of the Joint Declarations of EU-NATO cooperation.

Elements of EU's defence and security policy falling within the competence of the Commission will be discussed with the European Parliament as part of the ordinary legislative procedure. Further, in line with the Commissioner for Defence's Mission Letter and his commitment in the confirmation process, he will organise regular dialogues with the relevant European Parliament committees on defence matters.

The High Representative/Vice-President, senior officials of the European External Action Service as well as Commission officials as appropriate will continue to update regularly the European Parliament on issues related to security and defence, including the Common Security and Defence Policy as well as the state of play of EU's strategic partnership with NATO.