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Decisions under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) are taken by the European Council and the Council acting unanimously. Pursuant to Article 31(3) of the Treaty on European Union, the decision to allow the Council to act by a qualified majority in the area of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), in cases other than those referred to in Article 31(2) TEU, is adopted unanimously by the European Council. This does not, however apply to decisions having military or defence implications. National security remains the sole responsibility of each Member State.

Regarding the Honourable Member's second and third questions, it is not for the Council to speculate or to comment on the positions of individual Member States.

The Honourable Member is invited to refer to the conclusions of the Special meeting of the European Council of 6 March 2025, which address European Defence.