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## CONSULTATION

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Budget Committee

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Security Action for Europe (SAFE) through the reinforcement of European defence industry Instrument: Budgetary scrutiny procedure: Draft reply to EP  
- Launching of written consultation

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In the context of the above-mentioned Commission proposal, the President of the European Parliament addressed a request to the Council on 27 March 2025 to initiate the procedure on budgetary scrutiny of proposals based on Article 122 TFEU with potential appreciable implications for the Union budget (doc. WK 4123 /2025).

The Presidency is considering accepting this request and, taking into account the availability of the three institutions, agreeing to organise the Joint Committee on 8 April 2025.

As there are no meetings of the Budget Committee scheduled that would allow Coreper 2 to approve the draft reply to the European Parliament's request in due time for the possible meeting on 8 April 2025, delegations are invited to state any possible objections to the draft reply set out in the Annex to the Presidency and the GSC ( [REDACTED] ; [REDACTED] ; [REDACTED] ; [REDACTED] ) no later than Monday 31 March 2025 at 12:00 (Brussels time).

If no objections are raised within this deadline, the draft reply to the European Parliament's request, as set out in the Annex, will be submitted as an "I" item to Coreper 2 on 2 April 2025.

28/03/2025

**DRAFT LETTER**

from: Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee

to: President of the European Parliament

cc: President of the European Commission

Madam,

I take note of your letter of 27 March 2025 concerning the request to initiate the budgetary scrutiny procedure for proposals based on Article 122 TFEU with potential appreciable implications for the Union budget, in relation to the Commission proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Security Action for Europe (SAFE) through the reinforcement of European defence industry Instrument. I have the pleasure to inform you that the Council is ready to accept this request.

As the joint declaration clearly states, the scrutiny procedure is without prejudice to the powers of the Council under Article 122 TFEU and shall aim at a constructive dialogue between the two branches of the budgetary authority with a view to seeking a joint understanding of the budgetary implications of the envisaged legal act having due regard to the urgency of the matter.

As a consequence, I note the importance for the institutions to be represented in the Joint Committee by representatives at the appropriate level.

Bearing this in mind, we are at your disposal for discussing the practical arrangements of organising the procedure.

This letter is sent for information to the President of the Commission with an invitation to join the discussion on the organisation of the procedure and the work of the Joint Committee.

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