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REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representations of the Member States
Subject: PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER
E-001015/2018 - Bill Etheridge (EFDD)
'The UK's future involvement with military protection of the European Union'

1. Delegations will find attached:
 - the text of the above question for written answer;
 - a preliminary draft reply prepared by the General Secretariat.
2. If no amendments have been received from delegations by 28 March 2018 (17.00), this preliminary draft reply will be submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (Art. 50) and to the Council (Art. 50)¹ for approval.

Any amendments sent to the email address: questions.ecrites@consilium.europa.eu will be examined by the Ad hoc Working Party on Art. 50.

¹ Following the notification under Article 50 TEU, the member of the Council representing the withdrawing Member State shall not participate in the discussions of the Council or in decisions concerning it.

Question for written answer E-001015/2018
to the Council
Rule 130
Bill Etheridge (EFDD)

Subject: The UK's future involvement with military protection of the European Union

After Brexit, the UK may no longer provide Europe with defence capabilities.

As the UK would be taking a risk with the possibility for financial and military loss if it decided to protect the European Union nation states, is the European Union willing to financially compensate the UK for its military support?

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Reply

It is not Council policy to answer hypothetical questions.
