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to the Commission**

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Subject: Increasing defence expenditure and additional financial support for Poland to develop new defence technologies

Against the backdrop of the Russian Federation's military aggression against Ukraine, Poland's security is a priority for me. It should be emphasised that my country also plays a strategic role in terms of maintaining stability on NATO's eastern flank.

During her speech in the European Parliament, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, emphasised that voices inside the European Union, in Poland and in the Baltic States, had to be listened to. In doing so, she acknowledged that Poland was right over the last few years to warn the whole of Europe that Putin's policies posed a real threat to it.

In a similar vein, Finnish Prime Minister Sanna Marin spoke in support of the Polish Government's consistent stance against Russian imperialism.

Poland is successfully modernising its armed forces, allocating 2.4% of its GDP to their development in 2022, thanks to which it ranks among the leading countries in NATO. In the future, expenditure on the Polish Army will be increased even further in order to guarantee the security of its citizens. It is important to point out that, by the same token, Poland is also guaranteeing the security of the EU's eastern flank due to its geopolitical position.

In this connection, does the Commission intend to increase spending on external security between 2023 and 2027, including by providing additional funding for Poland to develop new defence technologies?

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