Arms: code of conduct on exports, provision 8. 4th annual report

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Karl von WOGAU (EPP-ED, Germany) on the EU Code of Conduct on Arms Exports. Until there is a ban on exports to countries involved in armed conflict, Parliament recommended the following: - full pre-consultation between the Member States with regard to transfers to regions susceptible to crises; - a full multilateral approach to the consultation process in connection with decisions to grant or refuse licenses, with, as a first step, a commitment by Member States to circulate to all other Member States the substance and result of any consultation to which they are party; - a common definition of criterion 8 (compatibility of arms exports with the technical and economic capacity of the recipient country), representing a significant contribution to crisis prevention and sustainable development in socially less developed countries; - incorporation into national law of all the principles, criteria and operative provisions of the Code of Conduct, with the understanding that this does not affect the right of Member States to operate more restrictive national policies.