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Act in Support of Ammunition Production

European Parliament legislative resolution of 13 July 2023 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (COM(2023)0237 – C9-0161/2023 – 2023/0140(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(C/2024/4038)

The European Parliament,

— having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2023)0237),

— having regard to Article 294(2), Article 114 and Article 173(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0161/2023),

— having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 14 June 2023 [1],

— having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 74(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 7 July 2023 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

— having regard to Rules 59 and 163 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Approves the joint statement by Parliament and the Council annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;

3. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

[1] Not yet published in the Official Journal.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 13 July 2023 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2023/… of the European Parliament and of the Council on supporting ammunition production (ASAP)

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) 2023/1525.)

ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL UPON THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATION ON SUPPORTING AMMUNITION PRODUCTION (ASAP)

The European Parliament and the Council acknowledge the urgency of the need to help the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB) to ramp up production in the context of the challenges created by Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine, and recall that the Regulation on supporting ammunition production (ASAP) provides an immediate response to that urgent need by putting in place a new temporary instrument to facilitate industrial investments.

The European Parliament and the Council stress the need to consider all appropriate measures to strengthen and develop the EDTIB, including small and medium-sized enterprises, and to remove obstacles and bottlenecks so as to allow the industry to produce more along the value chains.

The European Parliament and the Council therefore call on the Commission to consider, as appropriate, putting forward as soon as possible any further initiatives necessary to strengthen the EDTIB, including adequate financing, for instance in the context of the European Defence Investment Programme, as well as a legal framework aimed at ensuring security of supply and supporting ammunition production.

The European Parliament and the Council agree to examine any such initiatives without delay and in a spirit of mutual sincere cooperation.