

OPINION

**of the Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee
of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending
Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons**

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The Foreign and European Union Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland (FEUAC) does not support the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons for the following reasons:

1. in the opinion of the FEUAC the European Commission fails to maintain a reasonable proportionality between the restrictiveness of the proposed regulations and the threats that the Commission has identified;
2. The FEUAC considers that the measures proposed by the Commission are not the result of a thorough analysis, because:
 - the work on the proposal was not based on reliable data concerning threats posed by different types of weapons;
 - there is no evidence in the Explanatory Memorandum that the restrictions imposed on the legal market of firearms for civilian use will have an impact on limiting terrorist acts;
 - the Commission has not carried out any impact assessment of the new provisions;
3. The FEUAC underlines that the proposal does not take into account the specificities of individual Member States and their national rules which are, in certain cases, more stringent than those proposed by the Commission.