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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
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European Defence Union
(2016/2052(INI))

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Amendment 1
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 2
William (The Earl of) Dartmouth

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Amendment

1. Notes that, with around EUR 200 billion of annual military spending, European countries *have the sole right to determine their own defence and security policies; Believes that any pooling or cooperation between Member States on defence should be conducted on a bilateral basis, or with legitimate international organisations and must not in any way be conducted at EU level;*

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Or. en

Amendment 3 **Notis Marias**

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Or. el

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Or. en

Amendment 5

Ivan Jakovčić

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Or. hr

Amendment 6
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

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Amendment

1a. Points out that French defence spending, as percentage of GDP, has hit an all time low, down from 3.6 % in the late 1980s to below 1.6 % in 2012;

Or. fr

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Sophie Montel

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Paragraph 1 b (new)

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1b. Stresses, however, that the numerous threats to our security have made defence spending more important than ever;

Or. fr

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Notis Marias

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Or. el

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William (The Earl of) Dartmouth

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Or. en

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*federalisation in such an eminently
sovereign domain is unthinkable;*

Or. fr

Amendment 11
Ivan Jakovčić

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Or. hr

Amendment 12
Enrico Gasbarra

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Or. it

Amendment 13
Sophie Montel

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Or. fr

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Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali

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Or. en

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Or. en

Amendment 18

Ivan Jakovčić

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Or. hr

Amendment 19
Daniele Viotti

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

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Amendment

3a. *Calls also for more ambitious civilian missions that are better integrated in the policy cycle and in the range of available instruments; reminds that civilian mission must be coherent with the overall objectives of EU external policies and promote, as well as military missions, EU values such as peace, security, sustainable development, solidarity and mutual respect among people, eradication of poverty and protection of human rights, in observance of international law, including the United Nations Charter;*

Or. en

Amendment 20
Isabelle Thomas, Daniele Viotti, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Recalls that, according to its resolution on the preparation of the post-electoral revision of the MFF 2014-2020: Parliament's input ahead of the Commission's proposal, "new political initiatives should not be financed to the detriment of existing EU programmes and policies";*

Or. en

Amendment 21
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Urges the European Commission to be ambitious in its forthcoming European Defence Action Plan (EDAP), which should be a strategic tool to foster cooperation in defence at European level towards the development of defence capabilities programmes by Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
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Amendment

4. Urges the Member States to *engage more actively in cooperative projects, e.g. research programmes or pooling and sharing of assets; supports, in this framework, the proposed preparatory action on defence research which should pave the way for a dedicated programme;*

4. Advises the Member States to *meet the 2% GDP threshold for defence spending;*

Or. fr

Amendment 23
William (The Earl of) Dartmouth

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Amendment

4. Urges the Member States *to* engage *more actively* in cooperative projects, e.g.

4. Notes *that* Member States *can* engage in cooperative projects, e.g.

research programmes or pooling and sharing of assets; *supports, in this framework, the proposed preparatory action on defence research which should pave the way for a* dedicated programme;

research programmes or pooling and sharing of assets *as they are free to determine their own defence and security policies; Rejects any proposal for an EU preparatory action on defence research or* dedicated programme;

Or. en

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4. Urges the Member States to engage more actively in cooperative projects, e.g. research programmes or pooling and sharing of assets; *supports, in this framework, the proposed* preparatory action on defence research which *should pave the way for a dedicated programme;*

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4. Urges the Member States to engage more actively in cooperative projects, e.g. research programmes or pooling and sharing of assets; *welcomes in this regard the Preparatory Action on defence research which will lead towards a future European Defence Research Program (EDRP); notes that the EDRP offers a chance to foster European military and industrial cooperation and support a strong European industrial base, allowing the retaining of critical technologies within the EU that are essential for Europe's autonomy of decision and action; notes, further, that it shall contribute to reducing the market fragmentation, duplication of capabilities, organisations and expenditure, as these problems along with shrinking national defence budgets are threatening in the long term the strategic autonomy of European defence and thus our security;*

Or. en

Amendment 25 Isabelle Thomas, Jens Geier, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Daniele Viotti

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Or. en

Amendment 26
Notis Marias

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4. Urges the Member States to engage more actively in cooperative projects, ***especially*** research programmes; supports, in this framework, the proposed preparatory action on defence research which should pave the way for a dedicated programme;

Or. el

Amendment 27
Enrico Gasbarra

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Amendment

4a. *Considers it important to use the European Semester procedure to introduce forms of closer cooperation in the field of security and defence;*

Or. it

Amendment 28
William (The Earl of) Dartmouth

Draft opinion
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Amendment

5. *Believes that the time is ripe for unfreezing the budget of the European Defence Agency, and is convinced that more should be done to close the investment gap in defence capabilities, including via EU innovative financing; endorses, finally, the proposal for a ‘European Semester’ on defence, whereby Member States would coordinate their defence spending plans in an open process involving the European Parliament and the national parliaments.*

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Or. en

Amendment 29
Sophie Montel

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Amendment

5. *Believes that the time is ripe for unfreezing the budget of the European Defence Agency and is convinced that*

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Or. fr

Amendment 30
Notis Marias

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 31
Monika Hohlmeier, Reimer Böge, Gérard Deprez, Nedzhmi Ali

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Or. en

Amendment 32
Ivan Jakovčić

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Or. hr

Amendment 33
Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Takes the view that the agency has in fact been conspicuously futile;

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Sophie Montel

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Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

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5b. Considers that the money saved by closing down this exorbitantly expensive agency could be returned to the Member States;

Or. fr

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Sophie Montel

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Advises the Member States accordingly to earmark these funds for military expenditure.

Or. fr