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to the Council**

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Subject: European Army

According to public statements by Jean-Claude Juncker, the European Union needs to have its own army to face Russia and other threats and, also, to renew its foreign policy.

Juncker argues that a common European army will serve to send important signals to the world, since NATO may not be sufficient, in that not all its members belong to the EU. To quote statements made by the President of the European Commission: 'A joint EU army would show the world that there would never again be a war between European countries. Such an army would also help us to form common foreign and security policies and allow Europe to take on responsibility in the world.'

These damaging assertions come at a time when calls should prevail for a cease-fire and a political solution between the parties in conflict in Ukraine.

I would like to ask the Council if it shares this idea of foreign policy in which force of arms overrides dialogue and the search for political solutions, and what its position is with regard to the statements made by the President of the Commission.