

**Question for written answer E-007171/2015/rev.1
to the Council**

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Subject: Proposal for a 'European army' by the President of the Commission

In early March of this year, the President of the Commission made a proposal on the formation of a 'European army'. As stated by Mr Juncker, the purpose of this new structure would be to deal with the 'threat' posed by Russia and to participate in the defence of non-NATO EU Member States.

Does the Council agree with President Juncker that the NATO action against Russia is insufficient?

This proposal came as a result of the need to provide the EU's foreign policy with credibility. In view of the foreign policy issues that Council will need to handle over the course of this year, which of them does the Council feel could require recourse to the use of armed force?

Does the Council feel that a 'European army' would be compatible with the existence of armed forces in the Member States?