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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Proposal for a 'European army' by the President of the Commission

In early March of this year, President Juncker made a proposal on the formation of a 'European army'. As stated by the President, 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 High Representative 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 issues that the High Representative will need to handle over the course of this year, which of them does she feel could require recourse to the use of armed force?

Does the High Representative feel that the European External Action Service would be able to assume the management and command of European armed forces?