

**** Voting Time ****

Implementation of the common security and defence policy - annual report 2018



Consideration of amendments

Vote on draft opinion

Rapporteur: Esteban González Pons (PPE)

At the extraordinary AFCO meeting the committee members, together with the rapporteur for opinion Esteban Gonzalez Pons (ES, EPP), will take stock of the amendments submitted to the opinion on the Implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy for the year 2018.

Their exchange will be followed by a vote.

In total, 45 amendments have been submitted to this opinion. Those amendments deal in particular with the objective of the EU strategic autonomy, calling on the European Council to take further steps for the development of the EU Defence Union. A number of amendments plead for further development of the Permanent Structured Cooperation and of the strategic planning tools such as the Coordinated Annual Review on Defence. Others also attempt to further clarify the objectives of the EU white book on defence – a long-standing demand of the Parliament. They also stress the need to enhance the use of the flexibility instruments provided by the Lisbon Treaty in terms of decision-making and further development in the EU defence policy. Finally, several substantive amendments aim at further clarifying the activation of the mutual assistance (42(7) TEU) and solidarity (222 TFEU) clauses.

**** End of vote ****

INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY THE CHAIR



Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present this fifth issue of the AFCO Newsletter, for the 9th legislative term, a tool prepared by the Secretariat to keep you informed of AFCO activities and to increase awareness of the current institutional challenges facing the European Union.

During this extraordinary Committee meeting, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs will first consider the amendments submitted to the draft opinion on the Annual Report of the Implementation of the common security and defence policy for 2018. This will be followed by the vote on the opinion.

The Committee will then have an important exchange of views on the preparation of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Antonio Tajani, Chair

The Conference on the Future of Europe and the role of the European Parliament



Today's debate provides an opportunity for Members to have a further exchange of views on the main objectives, scope, structure and participation of the Conference on the Future of Europe, after the previous debates during the AFCO meetings of 25 September and 12 November.

The Conference on the Future of Europe is part of the political guidelines of the President-elect for the next Commission Ursula von der Leyen, and should bring together citizens, civil society and European institutions. The Conference should start in 2020, run for two years and have a clear scope and objectives, agreed between the Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

On the side of the Parliament, a working group was established by the Conference of Presidents to define Parliament's priorities and objectives for the Conference. It is composed of one representative per political group plus a representative for AFCO.

During this meeting, Members will have the opportunity of discussing on the concrete contribution of AFCO for the discussions on the organisation of the Conference.

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MEETING DOCUMENTS

In light of the European Parliament's paperless project, please bear in mind that only a very limited number of paper dossiers will be available in the meeting room. Instead, meeting documents will be made available on the following **public** and **EP internal** websites.

MEETING DATE AND VENUE

25 November 2019, Strasbourg
19.30 – 21.30,
Room: Salvador de Madariaga (S1), Strasbourg

MEETING LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

FR, DE, IT, NL, EN, ES, PT, FI, ET, HU, RO

NEXT MEETING

4 December 2019, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30

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