

**Amendment 54****Anna Fotyga**

on behalf of the ECR Group

**Report****A9-0403/2023****Sven Mikser**Implementation of the common security and defence policy – annual report 2023  
(2023/2119(INI))**Motion for a resolution****Recital C***Motion for a resolution*

C. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as the increased assertiveness of other regional and global actors, such as China, Iran and certain Gulf countries, are destabilising the immediate neighbourhood of the EU, including through strategic investments and disinformation campaigns; whereas the EU needs to ensure greater support, especially for candidate countries, in order to preserve stability and security and increase defence cooperation, especially in terms of the fight against disinformation and hybrid warfare; whereas the future of the Western Balkans and the countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood lies in the EU;

*Amendment*

C. whereas Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as the increased assertiveness of other regional and global actors, such as China, Iran and certain Gulf countries, are destabilising the immediate neighbourhood of the EU, including through strategic investments and disinformation campaigns, ***but also, in some cases, through the provision of political, financial, operational and logistical support to hostile entities in the region***; whereas the EU needs to ensure greater support, especially for candidate countries, in order to preserve stability and security and increase defence cooperation, especially in terms of the fight against disinformation and hybrid warfare; whereas the future of the Western Balkans and the countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood lies in the EU;

Or. en

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A9-0403/55

**Amendment 55**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

D. whereas Russia's persistent attempts to destabilise the EU and to undermine the European security architecture requires the EU to substantially enhance the cohesion and effectiveness of *its* foreign, security and defence policy and *its* strategic *sovereignty*, set *its* own strategic objectives, defend *its* interests, values and citizens both within and outside *its* borders, in the Western Balkans and *its* immediate Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood, to deliver peace, human security, sustainable development and democracy, and support *its* partners;

*Amendment*

D. whereas Russia's persistent attempts to destabilise the EU and to undermine the European security architecture requires the EU *and its Member States* to substantially enhance the cohesion and effectiveness of *Europe's* foreign, security and defence policy and *strengthen their* strategic *capabilities*, set *their* own strategic objectives, defend *their* interests, values and citizens both within and outside *their* borders, in the Western Balkans and *their* immediate Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood, to deliver peace, *stability*, human security, sustainable development and democracy, and support *their* partners;

Or. en

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A9-0403/56

**Amendment 56**

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**A9-0403/2023**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital I**

*Motion for a resolution*

I. whereas in 2023, Parliament and the Council concluded agreements on the European defence industry through common procurement act (EDIRPA) and the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP), which aim to encourage the joint procurement of defence products, ramp up the European defence industry's production capacity, replenish depleted stocks and reduce fragmentation in the defence-procurement sector; whereas further initiatives are needed to establish genuine European defence *integration*, including a European Defence Investment Programme (EDIP);

*Amendment*

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Or. en

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**Amendment 57**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital K**

*Motion for a resolution*

K. whereas the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has reaffirmed the role of NATO as the cornerstone of the collective defence of its members and the indispensability of a strong transatlantic bond; whereas the war has also underlined the lack of investment in security and defence in numerous EU and NATO member states; whereas the decision of NATO leaders to commit a minimum of 2 % of GDP to defence spending **has only been implemented by a few** NATO member states; whereas the 2 % spending goal should represent a minimum for EU NATO countries and not a ceiling for defence spending;

*Amendment*

K. whereas the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has reaffirmed the role of NATO as the cornerstone of the collective defence of its members and the indispensability of a strong transatlantic bond; whereas the war has also underlined the lack of investment in security and defence in numerous EU and NATO member states; whereas the decision of NATO leaders to commit a minimum of 2 % of GDP to defence spending **is expected to be met in 2024 by only 18 of the 32** NATO member states, **ranging between 3.9 % by Poland and 0.72 % by Luxembourg, which shows an unprecedented increase across European allies but still requires more equal burden-sharing**; whereas the 2 % spending goal should represent a minimum for EU NATO countries and not a ceiling for defence spending, **and should be reached by all allies by 2025; whereas at the 2023 Vilnius Summit, allied leaders pledged to invest at least 20 % of their defence budgets on major equipment and related research and development**;

Or. en

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**Recital L**

*Motion for a resolution*

L. whereas the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel have highlighted the volatile and dynamic security situation in the Middle East and the need for the EU and other international actors to assume greater responsibility and assist governments and civil society organisations of the region with reaching durable and sustainable peace, in particular by continuing to support a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine;

*Amendment*

L. whereas the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel have highlighted the volatile and dynamic security situation in the Middle East and the need for the EU and other international actors to assume greater responsibility and assist governments and civil society organisations of the region with reaching durable and sustainable peace, in particular by continuing to support a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine, ***as well as by countering terrorism and radicalisation in the region;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 59**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital O**

*Motion for a resolution*

O. whereas, *as outlined* in the Strategic Compass, *the EU must move further in its ambition to achieve an* open strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty, *while also* reinforcing *its* partnerships with like-minded partners in order to safeguard its values and interests, as well as those of its allies and neighbours;

*Amendment*

O. whereas, *even* in the Strategic Compass, open strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty *remain undefined and are subject to the will of Member States; whereas* reinforcing *the EU's* partnerships with like-minded partners in order to safeguard its values and interests, as well as those of its allies and neighbours, *is needed more than ever*;

Or. en

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**Amendment 60**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Q**

*Motion for a resolution*

Q. whereas CSDP missions and operations aim to strengthen the resilience and stability of the European neighbourhood, such as in the Mediterranean, the Western Balkans and in the Horn of Africa, by providing services such as military, police, coast guard, border management training and capacity building; whereas if CSDP missions are to achieve mission objectives, they must begin giving advice and training in coping with emerging and disruptive technologies that are rapidly entering the ‘frozen conflict’ environment;

*Amendment*

Q. whereas CSDP missions and operations aim to strengthen the resilience and stability of the European neighbourhood, such as in the Mediterranean, ***the South Caucasus and the Black Sea Region***, the Western Balkans and in the Horn of Africa, by providing services such as military, police, coast guard, border management training and capacity building; whereas if CSDP missions are to achieve mission objectives, they must begin giving advice and training in coping with emerging and disruptive technologies that are rapidly entering the ‘frozen conflict’ environment;

Or. en

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A9-0403/61

**Amendment 61**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital Af**

*Motion for a resolution*

Af. whereas the Commission and Parliament are committed to reinforcing the EU as an external actor that is able to act more strategically and *autonomously*;

*Amendment*

Af. whereas the Commission and Parliament are committed to reinforcing the EU as an external actor that is able to act more strategically and *effectively*; ***whereas the Council and the Member States are the principle decision-making authorities regarding security and defence***;

Or. en



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A9-0403/62

**Amendment 62**

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**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Condemns Iran's efforts to further threaten Israel and destabilise the region through its proxies, including the recent attacks and threats by the Houthi rebels against the freedom of navigation in the Red Sea; welcomes the increased European presence in order to safeguard this freedom through a newly established CSDP mission called EUNAVFOR ASPIDES; warns Hezbollah that it must respect UN Security Council resolution 1701 and refrain from any form of armed hostilities towards Israel which may result in drawing Lebanon into a war and have devastating consequences for the people of Lebanon who already suffer due to Hezbollah's malign presence and influence in the country;***

Or. en

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**Amendment 63**

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**Paragraph 17**

*Motion for a resolution*

17. Reaffirms that, in order to become a credible geopolitical player, the EU should reform its decision-making system; ***regrets*** that the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign, security and defence action, as provided for by the passerelle clauses of the TEU, has been used only in a very limited manner; ***reiterates its call for the Council to gradually switch to qualified majority voting for decisions on the CFSP and CSDP, at least in those areas that do not have military implications; reiterates its call for the establishment of regular EU defence minister Council meetings and calls for setting up joint civil-military headquarters at European level that combines civil and military instruments in order to make full use of the EU's integrated approach in crisis management right from strategic planning to the actual conduct of the mission or operation;***

*Amendment*

17. Reaffirms that, in order to become a credible geopolitical player, the EU should ***establish a better common perception of threats and increase its capabilities and political will to act rather than just focus on the*** reform ***of*** its decision-making system, ***such as the imposition of qualified majority voting for decisions on the CFSP and CSDP; notes*** that the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign, security and defence action, as provided for by the passerelle clauses of the TEU, has been used only in a very limited manner;

Or. en