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Amendment 64

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on behalf of the ECR Group

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Paragraph 18

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18. Calls for the appointment of a Defence Union Commissioner (DUC), within the next Commission who is responsible for the finalisation of a true European Defence Union and all defence-related matters, including CSDP, following a clear division of tasks with the VP/HR; believes that, together with the to-be-established fully-fledged Security and Defence Committee in the Parliament, the DUC should jointly oversee a dedicated and substantial Defence Union budget;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 65**Anna Fotyga**

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20. Reiterates the importance of the full implementation of the RDC with at least 5 000 troops and relevant capabilities according to its modular nature, available for crisis situations in non-permissive environments, such as rescue and evacuation tasks, initial entry and stabilisation operations or temporary reinforcement of missions; considers that without a firm political commitment and more resources, the ambition for the RDC to be operational by 2025 is at risk; calls on the Member States to take into account the practical modalities for implementing Article 44 TEU during the operationalisation of the RDC, as well as in other CSDP operational engagements, where relevant, in order to allow a group of willing and able Member States to plan and conduct a mission or operation within the EU framework and, thereby, ensure the swift activation of the RDC; reiterates that the RDC should be organised around different ‘notice to move’ deadlines for different parts of the RDC, with some having a ‘notice to move’ of 5 to 10 days; notes that an exact number for minimum troops can only be assessed after conceptual planners have all analysed potential scenarios; considers that the EU RDC **has great** potential to substantially improve and build on the lessons learnt

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from the *previous* EU battlegroups, address and overcome their various shortcomings, strengthen the EU's strategic *autonomy* and positively contribute to the EU's integrated approach to security and peace;

lessons learnt from the *previously unsuccessful* EU battlegroups *concept*, address and overcome their various shortcomings, strengthen the EU's strategic *capabilities* and positively contribute to the EU's integrated approach to security and peace; *invites the EU and its Member States, in particular contributing nations, to evaluate the progress of Eurocorps and its potentially relevant role in Europe's security architecture;*

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Or. en

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24. Highlights the urgent need to substantially enhance and invest in the military mobility of our armed forces, prioritising investments and removing bottlenecks and missing links; ***calls on the Member States to act to simplify and harmonise procedures for military mobility and shorten the timelines for granting permissions to enable the EU Member States to act faster and increase their efficiency of response, in line with their defence needs and responsibilities, both in the context of CSDP missions and operations, as well as national and multinational activities;***

24. Highlights the urgent need to substantially enhance and invest in the military mobility of our armed forces, prioritising investments and removing bottlenecks and missing links; ***supports new strategic investments in civil infrastructure, such as ports, airports and highways, which will also allow the smooth transfer of military units and supplies, including rapid reaction forces, heavy equipment, goods and humanitarian aid; underlines the significance of the ongoing construction of the Central Communication Port in Poland, which will allow the quick transfer of US and other allied military forces by air, road and rail into Poland and across NATO's eastern flank and will provide strategic depth for and ease of access to critical transportation infrastructure;***

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24. Highlights the urgent need to substantially enhance and invest in the military mobility of our armed forces, prioritising investments and removing bottlenecks and missing links; ***commends efforts made by Member States, allies, the EU and NATO in advancing military mobility across central and eastern Europe***; calls on the Member States to ***further*** act to simplify and harmonise procedures for military mobility and shorten the timelines for granting permissions to enable the EU Member States to act faster and increase their efficiency of response, in line with their defence needs and responsibilities, both in the context of CSDP missions and operations, as well as national and multinational activities;

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25. Calls to strengthen the EDA, to manage advanced research and capability development and to foster joint procurement in order to strengthen the EU's defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB); calls for improving defence financing through exploring a potential reform of the European Investment Bank's lending policy; calls for the strengthening of the industries' access to private funding to ensure that the European defence industry has sufficient access to public and private finance and investment on a sustainable basis; calls on the Commission to consider developing parameters for a financial product that aims to support investments in European security, including actions by the defence industry;

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25. Calls to strengthen the EDA, to manage advanced research and capability development and to foster joint procurement in order to strengthen the EU's defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB), ***while not obstructing procurement of any equipment from like-minded countries***; calls for improving defence financing through exploring a potential reform of the European Investment Bank's lending policy; calls for the strengthening of the industries' access to private funding to ensure that the European defence industry has sufficient access to public and private finance and investment on a sustainable basis; calls on the Commission, ***in cooperation with the Member States***, to consider developing parameters for a financial product that aims to support investments in European security, including actions by the defence industry; ***welcomes the new revamped fiscal rules on budget deficits, which enable extra military spending in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine***

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33. Welcomes the joint communication of June 2023 on a new outlook on the climate and security nexus, which outlines concrete actions to address the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on security and European defence, including CSDP; stresses the need to move forward with its comprehensive implementation with a view to enhancing operational effectiveness, ***including the deployment of environmental advisors to all CSDP missions and operations by 2025*** and support for the Member States in addressing any gaps, barriers ***and incentives to prepare their armed forces for*** climate change, as called for in the Strategic Compass;

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Or. en

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44. Underlines that European armed forces face severe recruitment and retention problems; considers it necessary to analyse these challenges and **therefore invites the HR/VP to task the EUMC with gathering and analysing data across the EU Member States on these issues in order to** identify possible counter-measures; points out that **a true European Defence Union** cannot be **built** without a common military culture **and** calls therefore on the VP/HR to task the European Security and Defence College **with modernising and expanding** the educational modules for military personnel from the Member States' armed forces;

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Or. en

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