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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Esteban González Pons
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on the implementation of the common security and defence policy – annual
report 2018
(2019/2135(INI))

Amendment 1
Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, ***an integral part of the EU's strategic autonomy should be the independent capacity to guarantee the security of its own citizens;***

Amendment

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, ***the Member States remain the main guarantors of the security of their own citizens;***

Or. en

Amendment 2
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, ***an integral part of the EU's strategic autonomy should be the independent capacity*** to guarantee the security of its own citizens;

Amendment

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, ***EU's Member States should be able to voluntarily cooperate*** to guarantee the security of its own citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, an integral part of the EU's strategic autonomy should be the independent capacity to guarantee the security of its own citizens;

Amendment

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, ***where some nations are taking a step back from multilateralism***, an integral part of the EU's strategic autonomy should be the

independent capacity to guarantee the security of its own citizens;

Or. en

Amendment 4
Scott Ainslie
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, an integral part of the EU's *strategic autonomy* should be the independent capacity to guarantee the security of its own citizens;

Amendment

1. Highlights that in the current global security environment, an integral part of the EU's ***Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)*** should be the independent capacity to guarantee the security of its own citizens ***by actively promoting peace, stability, human rights and democracy in its neighbourhood and beyond and to promote its values;***

Or. en

Amendment 5
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 6
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the Union has been slow to react and adapt – politically, diplomatically and militarily – to new crises and to this new international context; considers that, in the specific area of defence a political reluctance to implement to the fullest extent the robust provisions provided for in the European treaties and the numerous cooperation arrangements between Member States have weakened the Union’s ability to play a decisive role in external crises; therefore urges the European Council to move from unanimity to qualified majority voting in the fields of CFSP and CSDP where the Treaty on European Union allows it, including on decisions on CSDP civilian missions; recognises, further, that no country is able by itself to address the security challenges on the European continent and in its immediate environment;

Or. en

Amendment 7
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
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Amendment

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defence and security policy for the Member States, a proportion that has remained above 70 % since 2004;

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Or. en

Amendment 8

Scott Ainslie

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Highlights that the support of EU citizens is crucial to underpinning the political ***ambition of EU defence policy***; underlines the fact that according to the latest public opinion surveys, three quarters of EU citizens are in favour of a common defence and security policy ***for the Member States***, a proportion that has remained above 70% since 2004;

Amendment

2. Highlights that the support of EU citizens is crucial to underpinning the political ambition of ***effective civilian and military CSDP missions and operations***; underlines the fact that according to the latest public opinion surveys, three quarters of EU citizens are in favour of ***more cooperation between Member States on security and defence, thus supporting*** a common defence and security policy, a proportion that has remained above 70% since 2004;

Or. en

Amendment 9

Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 10
Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

Draft opinion

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Amendment

2. Stresses that security and defence policy remain in the core of the sovereignty of the Member States; reminds that it is impossible to determine a common foreign and security policy line for the EU due to diversity of historical backgrounds, geographical positions and geostrategic interests of the Members States; urges the European Parliament to bear in mind lessons of history for limits of European integration drawn by failures of projects even between six founding members of the European integration project, e.g. the collapse of the Fouchet Plan in the 1960s;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a(new)

Draft opinion

2a. Calls for progressive steps to be taken towards a common defence policy

Amendment

(Article 42(2) TEU) and, eventually, a common defence, while also strengthening conflict prevention and resolution approaches, including through an increase in financial, administrative and human resources dedicated to mediation, dialogue, reconciliation, peace-building and immediate crisis responses;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Giuliano Pisapia Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Welcomes the implementation of Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), foreseen in Articles 42(6) and 46 of the TEU, as a first important step in this direction and towards closer cooperation in security and defence among Member States;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Scott Ainslie
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Amendment

3. Welcomes Commission President-elect von der Leyen's political guidelines, which are framed around a 'geopolitical' dimension and stress the need to take further bold steps in the next five years towards ***a genuine European Defence***

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Union; welcomes, moreover, further commitments to deliver on Parliament's long-standing request to attach greater institutional prominence to defence, with the proposed creation of a dedicated directorate-general to that end;

effective security actor ; calls for more in depth parliamentary scrutiny of CSDP;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 16
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. *Highlights that the Member States have the possibility to involve the Commission in the proceedings of PESCO-related projects in line with internal governance rules.*

Or. en

Amendment 17
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

4. *Notes* that several Member States have recently called for the establishment of an EU security council; believes that *this concept needs to be defined further before an assessment of its added value can be carried out;*

4. *Welcomes* that several Member States have recently called for the establishment of an EU security council *with a view to coordinate the Member States' defence policies, particularly with regard to cybersecurity and anti-terrorism, and jointly developing the EU's defence strategy;*

Amendment 18
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Calls the European Council to adopt decisive commitment for long-term development of European Defence Union with a clear roadmap.

Amendment 19
Scott Ainslie
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Amendment

5. Considers that an EU white book on security and defence would be an essential strategic tool **to reinforce the governance of EU defence policy and the progressive framing of the European Defence Union**, would provide for strategic, long-term planning and allow for the gradual synchronisation of defence cycles across the Member States; calls on the Council and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) to draw up such a tool, with a view to including it in, inter alia, the planning for the multiannual financial framework (MFF), and with the further objective of ensuring consistency between the EU Global Strategy Implementation Plan on Security and Defence, the

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Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD) and the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO);

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

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Or. en

Amendment 21
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a *Takes the view that CARD tool should be reformed to provide for more strategic exercise in line with the updated European Global Strategy; highlights that further development of EU's strategic autonomy anchored in PESCO will require discussion about the scale of the projects being developed under its aegis; highlights that a clarification of the interaction of various initiatives undertaken by Member States with PESCO is required, in particular, in relation to projects such as European Intervention Force, Framework Nation, Joint Deployment Force or Eurocorps, as they rely on different degree of institutional cooperation.*

Or. en

Amendment 22
Scott Ainslie
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Stresses that deeper integration in security and defence should also mean more democratic scrutiny through parliamentary control; reiterates the need, therefore, to strengthen Parliament's role in this area, ***namely by establishing a fully-fledged Committee on Security and Defence, which should be complemented by joint interparliamentary meetings between representatives from national***

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Or. en

Amendment 23

Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

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Or. en

Amendment 24

Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. Stresses that deeper integration in security and defence should ***allow to reduce the fragmentation and inefficiencies of the EU's defence industry and to eliminate the obstacles for a fruitful voluntary cooperation between Member States;***

*by joint interparliamentary meetings
between representatives from national
parliaments and MEPs;*

Or. en

Amendment 25
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6a(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Recalls the existence of Article 44 TEU, which provides additional flexibility provisions and introduces the possibility of entrusting the implementation of crisis management tasks to a group of Member States, which would carry out such tasks in the name of the EU and under the political control and strategic guidance of the Political and Security Committee and the European External Action Service;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Scott Ainslie
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Reiterates the need to remove obstacles to the deployment of the EU Battlegroups, and considers that the unanimity requirement in the Council undermines the very purpose of these groups – to act as a military rapid-reaction capacity that responds to emerging crises

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and conflicts around the world;

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates the need to remove obstacles to the deployment of the EU Battlegroups, *and considers that the unanimity requirement in the Council undermines the very purpose of these groups – to act as a military rapid-reaction capacity that responds to emerging crises and conflicts around the world;*

Amendment

Reiterates the need to remove obstacles to the deployment of the EU Battlegroups, *so that they are able to meet their purpose* as a rapid-reaction capacity that responds to emerging crises and conflicts around the world;

Or. en

Amendment 28
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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framework;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

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Amendment

7. Reiterates the need to remove obstacles to the deployment of the EU Battlegroups, *stresses in this regard that every decision relating to the common security and defence policy shall be adopted by the Council acting unanimously as set out in Article 42(4) of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU);*

Or. en

Amendment 30
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe should *include reflections on the future European Defence Union and, in particular, the need to establish a European intervention force endowed with sufficiently effective defence capabilities to engage in peace-keeping and conflict prevention and strengthen international security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the tasks set out in Article 43(1) of the Treaty*

Amendment

8. Stresses that the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe should *reflect, with regard to the future of the European Defence Union, that the EU's strategic security and defence objectives should be achieved by removing the existing obstacles and by promoting cooperation among Member States with respect to their National Sovereignty;*

on European Union (TEU);

Or. en

Amendment 31

Scott Ainslie

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Stresses that the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe should include reflections *on the future European Defence Union and*, in particular, the need to establish a European intervention force endowed with sufficiently effective defence capabilities to engage in peace-keeping and conflict prevention and strengthen international security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the tasks set out in Article 43(1) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU);

Amendment

8. Stresses that the upcoming Conference on the Future of Europe should include reflections on *how the Union could become a more effective and effective security actor* and, in particular, should consider *transforming the current capabilities into permanently pooled national contingents forming multinational units of modest size, highly skilled and designed for specific tasks* establishing a European intervention force endowed with sufficiently effective defence capabilities to engage in peace-keeping and conflict prevention and strengthen international security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the tasks set out in Article 43(1) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU);

Or. en

Amendment 32

Mairead McGuinness

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

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defence capabilities to engage in peace-keeping and conflict prevention and strengthen international security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the tasks set out in Article 43(1) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU);

Or. en

Amendment 33
Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 34
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8a(new)

Draft opinion

8a Warns about the multiplicity of institutional actors and overlaps of the EU

Amendment

defence environment; calls all the stakeholders to embrace a reflection on how it is possible to improve this environment in order to make it more understandable for citizens, institutionally logical and coherent and effective in delivering.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

Amendment

9. *Urges the Council, in the light of the prospect of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, to adopt urgent arrangements on third-party participation in PESCO;*

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36
Laura Huhtasaari

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10

Draft opinion

Amendment

10. *Reaffirms the Union's commitment to NATO, which remains a key pillar of our common security; notes, however, that close cooperation between the EU and its closest allies should not impede the creation of the European Defence Union;*

10. *Highlights the diversity in the Member States' security and defence policy lines, certain emphasising the NATO as the main pillar of their security and defence policy, as others remain militarily non-aligned;*

Or. en

Amendment 37
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 10a(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

10a. Believes that a competitive defence industry is crucial for Europe. Warns that, despite the efforts made during the last years, like the European defence industrial development programme (EDIDP) and European Defence Fund (EDF), different national regulations, licensing procedures, export control lists and lack of information sharing remain as the key obstacles to build a true and effective European defence industry.

Or. en

Amendment 38
Jorge Buxadé Villalba

Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. Highlights its support for the establishment of an EU *autonomous* intelligence capacity, which should enhance common security endeavours and ensure interoperability amongst national intelligence services;

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Or. en

Amendment 39
Laura Huhtasaari
Draft opinion
Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. *Highlights its support for the establishment of an EU autonomous intelligence capacity, which should enhance common security endeavours and ensure interoperability amongst national intelligence services;*

Deleted

Or. en

Amendment 40

Scott Ainslie

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 11

Draft opinion

Amendment

11. *Highlights its support for the establishment of an EU autonomous intelligence capacity, which should enhance common security endeavours and ensure interoperability amongst national intelligence services;*

11. *Calls for strengthening civilian CSDP and Union measures in the field of conflict prevention, mediation and reconciliation;*

Or. en

Amendment 41

Scott Ainslie

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 12

Draft opinion

Amendment

12. *Calls for a reflection about the role that the European Defence Agency should play in the progressive framing of a common EU defence policy;*

12. *Calls for a reflection about the role that the European Defence Agency should play in the CSDP;*

Amendment 42
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 12a(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

12a. Stresses the need to strengthen the European Defence Agency by providing it with needed resources and political backing, thereby allowing it to play a leading and coordinating role in the EU's CSDP, including in capability development, research and procurement; repeats its view that this would be best done by financing the Agency's staffing and running costs from the Union budget;

Or. en

Amendment 43
Esteban González Pons

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13a. Notes that mutual defence clause focuses on the obligations of the Member States (and not the EU itself) and solidarity clause provides for the Union and its Member States to act jointly, but both clauses introduce binding commitments amongst Member States and both prescribe grounds for drawing on 'all available means' when requested.

Or. en

Amendment 44
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13b. Reiterates that Article 42(7) TEU establishes a mutual assistance clause in the context of collective security; underlines that Article 42(7) TEU, invoked only once thus far, can constitute a catalyst for the further development of the EU's security and defence policy, leading to stronger commitments by all Member States; laments that the conditions for triggering the article and the arrangements for providing the assistance required have never been clearly defined; calls for an analysis of the implementation of the mutual assistance clause and for the preparation of further guidelines on its future implementation;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Giuliano Pisapia, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 13c(new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

13c. Highlights that the solidarity clause (Article 222 TEU) also provides the Union and the Member States with the possibility of providing assistance to a Member State that is the object of a terrorist attack or the victim of a natural or man-made disaster; recalls that the 2013 Cybersecurity Strategy of the European Union states that “a particularly serious cyber incident or attack could constitute sufficient ground

for a Member State to invoke the EU Solidarity Clause (article 222 TFEU); reminds that the Council Decision 2014/415/EU ‘on the arrangements for the implementation by the Union of the solidarity clause’, establishes that the solidarity clause calls for the Union to mobilise all the instruments at its disposal, including the structures developed in the framework of the CSDP; calls on Member States to consider the activation of the solidarity clause in the future;

Or. en