AMENDMENTS
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Draft opinion
Gerolf Annemans
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Implementation of the common foreign and security policy - annual report 2021
(2021/2182(INI))
Amendment 1  
Charles Goerens  

Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Notes that the geopolitical impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and a quickly deteriorating security environment are posing unprecedented challenges to the Union’s common foreign and security policy; emphasises that, in the face of these challenges, the Union needs to **stay resilient** and improve the speed of its responses to the fast-changing global environment;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2  
Markéta Gregorová  

Draft opinion  
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 3  
Markéta Gregorová  

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EN
Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

1 a. Urges the HR/VP to urgently make a proposal for the introduction of QMV in the Foreign Affairs Council in order to bring the main decision-making body up to speed, adapt it to the changing security environment, and at the same time overcome that agreement is often only possible on the lowest common denominator, which rarely sends strong signals to third countries, in particular those with aggressive foreign policies run by autocrats;

Amendment

Amendment 4
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Notes the Union’s committed relationship with NATO, which remains fundamental to EU security policy; welcomes, in this regard, the ongoing preparation of the new EU-NATO Joint Declaration, which will be presented before the end of the year;

Amendment

2. Remains strongly committed to the Union’s partnership with NATO, which remains fundamental to EU security policy; welcomes, in this regard, the ongoing preparation of the new EU-NATO Joint Declaration, which will be presented before the end of the year; calls on the High Representative and Member States to seize the occasion to deepen the multilateral security cooperation with trusted partners and ensure the coherence with internal policies; points out meanwhile, that the EU must assume responsibility and also bolster its security policy through the relevant internal policy frameworks;
Amendment 5  
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion  
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

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underlines the importance of strengthening the strategic partnership between EU and NATO; notes that the recent global security challenges have brought forward a renewed debate on EU’s strategic autonomy; welcomes, in this regard, the ongoing preparation of the new EU-NATO Joint Declaration, which will be presented before the end of the year;

Or. en

Amendment 6  
Antonio Tajani, Danuta Maria Hübner, Loránt Vincze

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stresses the importance to elaborate the Strategic Compass, which is the core of the new European Defence strategy to better operationalise the EU hard power, improving the existing tools;

Or. en
Amendment 7
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2 a. Calls on all responsible EU decision-makers to significantly increase the EU’s geopolitical footprint; underlines the need to establish a genuine European Defence Union, which must be embedded in a bold Political Union; reiterates that a truly European political union is the condicio sine qua non of a European Defence Union; stresses that a fundamental reform of decision-making procedures, including voting requirements in the CFSP and a stronger role for the High Representative remain indispensable for a truly effective common foreign and security policy; calls on the Commission and Member States, in the meantime, to leverage all existing legal and policy instruments to bolster the EU’s role in the world; recalls that the fight for human rights and democracy should remain at the core of the CFSP; calls on the member states to respect the role of the HRVP in international negotiations; regrets in this regard that the involvement of the HRVP is often not foreseen in international negotiations; underlines that a strongly perceived role of the HRVP translates into an increased geopolitical impact of the CSDP;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3
3. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign disinformation and information manipulation, which negatively influence the Union’s ability to implement effectively its internal and foreign policies;

3. Calls on all EU decision-makers to ramp up efforts to fight foreign disinformation and information manipulation and other hybrid threats, which negatively undermine the Union’s ability to develop and implement effectively its internal and foreign policies; calls on all EU institutions and Member States to modernise responses against these threats, among others through a new EU hybrid toolbox which should include consistent collective countermeasures against foreign aggressors;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

3. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign disinformation and information manipulation, which negatively influence the Union’s ability to implement effectively its internal and foreign policies;

3. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference and manipulative disinformation, which negatively influence the Union’s ability to implement effectively its internal and foreign policies and undermines the values on which the EU is founded; notes the increase of disinformation campaigns linked to the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative role certain state and non-state actors played in the dissemination of these campaigns;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

*Draft opinion*

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*calls for adoption a more resolute and proactive stance to timely detect and efficiently counter hybrid threats that weaponize migration and energy supplies, thus endangering EU’s internal and energy security;*

Or. en

Amendment 11
Antonio Tajani, Danuta Maria Hübner, Loránt Vincze

*Draft opinion*

Paragraph 3

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*Amendment*

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*to this aim, calls for better and deeper coordination to identify and deter cyber-attacks that can jeopardise EU internal stability;*

Or. en

Amendment 12
Markéta Gregorová

*Draft opinion*

Paragraph 3

*Draft opinion*
3. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign disinformation and information manipulation, which negatively influence the Union’s ability to implement effectively its internal and foreign policies;

3. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign disinformation, third party interference, and information manipulation, which negatively influence the Union’s ability to cope with new challenges, and implement effectively its internal and foreign policies;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Charles Goerens
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for the strengthening of parliamentary oversight of EU external action, including by continuing its regular consultations with the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission; calls for the swift conclusion of negotiations to replace the 2002 Interinstitutional Agreement on Parliament’s access to sensitive information of the Council in the field of security and defence policy;

Amendment

4. Calls on the European Commission and Member States to enable and strengthen parliamentary oversight of EU external action, including by continuing its regular consultations with the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission; underlines that such oversight is critical for the proper functioning of European democracy and public trust; stresses that such oversight should be the starting point toward a strong institutional role for the European Parliament in the CFSP; calls for the swift conclusion of negotiations to replace the 2002 Interinstitutional Agreement on Parliament’s access to sensitive information of the Council in the field of security and defence policy;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Antonio Tajani, Danuta Maria Hübner, Loránt Vincze
Draft opinion
Paragraph 4
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Amendment

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Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

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Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 b. Regrets that there is no structured EU-UK cooperation in the area of foreign, security and defence policy; calls for the full and effective implementation of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) and Withdrawal Agreement (WA), in particular the provisions related to the cooperation on global issues in multilateral fora, promotion of democracy, rule of law and human rights, climate change, sanctions regimes, non-proliferation and disarmament, fight against terrorism and cybersecurity; welcomes the setting up of the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly and calls for its swift constitution and start of work;

Or. en

Amendment 17
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 c. Recalls that in its position on the Conference on the Future of Europe, the European Parliament listed "Security and the role of EU in the world" as one of the policy priorities; welcomes that this was, inter alia, translated into the plenary Working Group on "EU in the world"; underlines the importance of debating issues linked to the future of CFSP at the Conference;

Or. en
Amendment 18  
Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. **Offers other** EU institutions its **active participation** in activities that aim to counteract the global backsliding of democracy, including through election observation and parliamentary diplomacy.

Amendment

5. **Calls for the active involvement of** European Parliament’s instruments into the CFSP; **underlines the importance and the unique set of European Parliament’s democratisation programs aimed at fostering and strengthening the work of parliaments, such as the Jean Monnet Dialogue; recalls that all** EU institutions **should participate and work together in activities that aim to counteract the global backsliding of democracy, including through election observation, mediation and dialogue activities, conflict prevention, the Sakharov Prize award and network and parliamentary diplomacy;**

Or. en

Amendment 19  
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

5. **Offers other** EU institutions its **active participation** in activities that aim to counteract the global backsliding of democracy, including through election observation, **with Parliament keeping a prominent role.**

Or. en

Amendment 20  
Charles Goerens
Amendment
Pedro Silva Pereira, Domèneq Ruiz Devesa

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

5 a. Recalls that on 16 June 2020, the EU Defence Ministers decided to develop a Strategic Compass for security and defense; notes that a legal-political agreement is expected to be issued at the end of 2022; further notes that the Compass aims to foster a common European ‘strategic culture’, pushing Member-States towards a common understanding of the key threats to Europe and how the EU can be a security provider;
Amendment 22  
Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 b (new)  

Draft opinion  

Amendment  

5 b. Believes that this exercise provides a good opportunity to discuss the possibilities for further implementation of Treaty articles on defense and security; Notes that these could also include considering an improvement in the decision-making process, namely Article 31 TUE, extending QMV to areas of the common security and defence policy, as well as exploring the full use of passerelles clauses and the scope of articles that enhance the EU's solidarity and mutual assistance in case of crises;  

Or. en  

Amendment 23  
Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 c (new)  

Draft opinion  

Amendment  

5 c. Recalls the Treaty provisions that confer to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy the conduction of the Union's common foreign and security policy;  

Or. en  

Amendment 24  
Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa  
Draft opinion  
Paragraph 5 d (new)
5 d. Highlights the role played by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and recalls that the activation of passerelles clauses would allow to extend the scope of the qualified-majority decision making to the rest of the decisions, expect for security and defense.

Amendment 25
Pedro Silva Pereira, Domènec Ruiz Devesa

Paragraph 5 e (new)

5 e. Believes that the improvement of EU’s action in the field of security and defence should be part of the topics to be discussed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe,