AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Gerolf Annemans
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Implementation of the common security and defence policy - annual report 2021
(2021/2183(INI))
Amendment 1
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. Points out that European defence should no longer be a weak link in the EU integration process and that more political will and urgent concerted action is needed to strengthen Europe’s defence, its capacity to protect itself, its strategic autonomy and global influence;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 a. Points out the rapidly evolving nature of the threats the EU faces, involving among others internal terrorism, cyber-attacks or hybrid warfare, as the one recently coming from Belarus aimed at intimidating and destabilising the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 b. Stresses that the unprecedented situation created by the United States’
Armed Forces’ withdrawal from Afghanistan also revealed the EU’s inability to activate forces on a short notice in order to protect its own citizens without US support due to lack of adequate foresight, weak military command and control as well as a shortfall in capabilities;

Amendment 4
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 5
Charles Goerens

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Amendment 6
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

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Amendment 7
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

I a. Urges the HR/VP, the Council and
the Member States to make sure that there is a leap in quality as regards CSDP capabilities, in particular via permanent multinational units for military CSDP operations, including an entry force, and more financial resources, common training and a pool of available experts for civilian CSDP missions;

Or. en

Amendment 8
Loránt Vincze
Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Stresses the need for more commitment to develop a Defence Union to strengthen the protection of the EU’s territory and welcomes the Strategic Compass, which should facilitate a functioning European Defence Union;

Or. en

Amendment 9
Markéta Gregorová
Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Notes the idea to use Article 44 TEU for the establishment of permanent multinational military units such as an entry force; calls on the HR/VP to present such plans to the Parliament, and to elaborate in particular on the decision-making options, including the use of QMV;

Or. en
Amendment 10
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

2. Reiterates its call for the establishment of a permanent Council of Defence Ministers chaired by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with a view to coordinating the defence policies of the Member States, particularly with regard to cybersecurity and anti-terrorism;

Amendment

2. Reiterates its call for the establishment of a permanent Council of Defence Ministers chaired by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with a view to coordinating the defence policies of the Member States and enhancing security capabilities, particularly with regard to cybersecurity and anti-terrorism; 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 11
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

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Amendment

2. Reiterates its call for the establishment of a permanent Council of Defence Ministers chaired by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, with a view to coordinating the defence policies of the Member States, in particular with regard to Article 43 (1) TEU military tasks such
as military crisis management, peacekeeping, rescue missions, and anti-terrorism, as well as cybersecurity;

Amendment 12
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

2 a. Welcomes the proposals of Commission President Ursula von der Leyen from her 2021 State of the Union speech to strengthen the European Defence Union by improving intelligence cooperation through a Joint Situational Awareness Centre and interoperability through investment in common European platforms and the development of a European Cyber Defence Policy;

Amendment 13
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

2 b. Highlights that Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) is a special means of enhanced, rational and efficient cooperation, which has the capacity to foster greater convergence in Europe’s defence sector; stresses its usefulness in increasing defence investments, enhancing the joint development of capabilities and reducing the fragmentation of the European defence market;
Amendment 14
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 c (new)

2 c. Calls for the strengthening of the EU’s rapid response capabilities in order to make them attractive for Member States to use; stresses the need to improve the deployment of the EU Battlegroups in order to respond to emerging crises and conflicts around the world; believes there is a need to transform these groups into permanent multinational units; supports the idea of creating a ‘rapid entry force’; points out the suitability of PESCO to facilitate the integration of the EU’s crisis response capacities;

Amendment 15
Loránt Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 d (new)

2 d. Reiterates its regret that, contrary to the Political Declaration, which envisaged an ambitious, broad, deep and flexible partnership in the field of foreign policy, security and defence, the EU-UK trade and Cooperation Agreement did not extend to matters falling under the CSDP; recalls that it would still be in both sides’ interest to maintain close and lasting cooperation in this field;
Amendment 16
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3.  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

3.  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;

Calls on all responsible EU decision-makers to significantly increase the geopolitical impact of the CSDP; underlines the need to establish a genuine European Defence Union, which must be embedded in a bold Political Union; stresses that a fundamental reform of decision-making procedures, including voting requirements in the CSDP and a stronger role for the High Representative remain indispensable for a truly effective CSDP; 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 CSDP;

Reiterates that a truly European political union is the condicio sine qua non of a European Defence Union;

Or. en
Amendment 17
Antonio Tajani, Danuta Maria Hübner, Loránd Vincze

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 18
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

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Paragraph 3

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Or. en
Amendment 19
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

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Or. en

Amendment 20
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

Amendment

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address; 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 21  
Victor Negrescu

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, *which often takes the form of* cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

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**Amendment**

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address; **underlines the need to intensify the cooperation and the focus on fighting cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare and calls for new common initiatives in the field of cybersecurity;**

Or. en

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**Amendment 22**

Jacek Saryusz-Wolski

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

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**Amendment**

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare, *in particular such hybrid threats that weaponize migration and energy supplies, thus endangering EU’s internal and energy security;* supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

Or. en
Amendment 23
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Antonio Tajani

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

Amendment

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Or. en
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

Amendment

4. Calls for increased efforts to fight foreign interference in the Union’s diplomacy, security and defence, which often takes the form of cyber threats or other types of hybrid warfare; supports, in this regard, the development of the European cyber defence policy, as announced by the President of the Commission in the State of the Union address;

Or. en

Amendment 26
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

4 a. Stresses that the EU’s Eastern border today faces new defence challenges and an insecure neighbourhood and calls for solutions and active measures enabling the Union to manage these growing risks; underlines the need to intensify the cooperation with neighbourhood countries on defence and security issues;

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Or. en

Amendment 27
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5
5. Reiterates that Parliament should play a prominent role in scrutinising and supervising the implementation and evaluation of the CSDP, including monitoring the implementation of the Permanent Structured Cooperation.

Amendment 28
Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Reiterates that Parliament should play a prominent role in scrutinising and supervising the implementation and evaluation of the CSDP, including monitoring the implementation of the Permanent Structured Cooperation; 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 CSDP;

Or. en

Amendment 29
Fabio Massimo Castaldo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

5. Reiterates that Parliament should play a prominent role in scrutinising and supervising the implementation and evaluation of the CSDP, including monitoring the implementation of the Permanent Structured Cooperation; in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe calls for initiatives and debates on improving the EU’s common security and defence policy.

Or. en
Draft opinion

5. Reiterates that Parliament should play a prominent role in scrutinising and supervising the implementation and evaluation of the CSDP, including monitoring the implementation of the Permanent Structured Cooperation.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 30
Markéta Gregorová

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 31
Charles Goerens

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Recalls that the Conference of the Future of Europe provides the opportunity to rethink the institutional
status quo and give new impetus to European democracy; notes that a considerable amount of contributions on the Conference platform propose strengthening the EU’s role in the world; calls on the participants of the Conference to consider all possible avenues to achieve that goal, including a reform of decision-making procedures in the CFSP and the establishment of a genuine European Defence Union.

Amendment 32
Pedro Silva Pereira
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Recalls that on 16 June 2020, the EU Defence Ministers decided to develop a Strategic Compass for security and defence; 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 33
Fabio Massimo Castaldo
Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

5 a. Calls on citizens to express their
expectations as regards the CSDP architecture in the course of the Conference on the Future of Europe and on EU institutions to translate these expectations in concrete proposals and actions.

Amendment 34
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

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 EU foreign and security policy, in areas of the common security and defense 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;

Amendment 35
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

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 36
Pedro Silva Pereira

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.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Pedro Silva Pereira

Draft opinion
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;

Or. en