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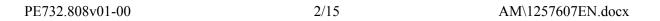
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AMENDMENTS 1 - 28

Draft opinion Victor Negrescu (PE736.728v01-00)

Implementation of the common foreign and security policy - annual report 2022 (2022/2048(INI))

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Amendment 1 Markéta Gregorová on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Recital A

Draft opinion

A. whereas *Article 2* of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the values upon which the Union is founded should be the key reference for the content and conduct of EU foreign affairs;

Amendment

A. whereas *Articles 2 and 21* of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the values, *norms*, *and principles* upon which the Union is founded should be the key reference for the content and conduct of EU foreign affairs;

Or. en

Amendment 2 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Recital B

Draft opinion

B. whereas the Union should continue to act to promote dialogue and guarantee peace and a rules-based international order by strengthening multilateralism and further developing a strong democratic and parliamentary dimension to its external action;

Amendment

B. whereas the Union should continue to act to promote dialogue and guarantee peace and a rules-based international order by strengthening multilateralism and further developing a strong democratic and parliamentary dimension to its external action; whereas strengthening international security, promoting international cooperation with third countries and advancing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law, and the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms remain core objectives of the Union's external action;

Or. en

Amendment 3 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Recital C a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Ca. whereas Russia's unprovoked, unjustified and illegal war of agression against Ukraine fundamentally changes the security landscape in Europe including through increasing instability in EU's Neighbourhood; whereas this new reality underlines the urgent need to prioritise EU's effectiveness of its foreign and security policy through increasing its ability to act to protect our values and interests;

Or. en

Amendment 4 Markéta Gregorová on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Recital D

Draft opinion

D. whereas issues that are currently decided by unanimity should progressively be decided more often by qualified majority *as a general rule* under the CFSP;

Amendment

D. whereas issues that are currently decided by unanimity should progressively be decided more often by qualified majority under the CFSP, especially in priority areas such as human rights and sanctions;

Or. en

Amendment 5 Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

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- 1. Considers that Article 21(2) TEU should be modified to include the concepts of 'strategic sovereignty' and 'strategic autonomy' in the list of objectives of the CFSP;
- 1. Considers that Article 21(2) TEU should be modified to include the concepts of 'strategic sovereignty' and 'strategic autonomy' in the list of objectives of the CFSP; underlines further that this concept means true autonomy for the Union's CFSP, where the EU is not complementary to NATO's policy but applying its own foreign and security policy;

Or. en

Amendment 6 Markéta Gregorová on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Considers that Article 21(2) TEU should be modified to include the concepts of 'strategic sovereignty' and 'strategic autonomy' in the list of objectives of the CFSP;

Amendment

1. Believes that the EU will become an effective diplomatic and security actor based on strong action and will increase its strategic sovereignty only via concrete measures, policies, budgets and commitments;

Or. en

Amendment 7 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) *TUE*, which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) *TEU* which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters *and Article 42(7)*; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU; *calls for*

an amendment of Article 42 TEU that would allow switching to reinforced QMV, requiring 72% of Council members representing at least 65% of population, for decisions with military implications;

Or. en

Amendment 8 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) TUE, which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) TUE, which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters without military implications, notably those concerning sanctions and human rights; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU without further delay;

Or. en

Amendment 9 Markéta Gregorová on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) TUE, which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU;

Amendment

2. Urges the Member States to make use of Article 31(2) TUE, which allows the Council to take certain decisions by qualified majority in CFSP matters; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clause contained in Article 31(3) TEU, *especially in priority areas*;

Or. en

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Amendment 10 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Urges the Member States and the Commission to *assess how* the role of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) *could be strengthened*;

Amendment

Urges the Member States and the 3. Commission to *strengthen* the role of the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR); points out that his can be done through a Treaty change that would name the Vice-President/High Representative a foreign minister of the Union, would make him or her the main external representative of the Union in international fora and would allow him or her to be present ex-officio in negotiating formats initiated or led by the Member States; supports the call from Citizens of the Union in the Conference on the Future of Europe wishing the EU to speak with one voice;

Or. en

Amendment 11 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Calls on the European Council, the Commission, and the EEAS, to rationalize their approach on CFSP and clarify the respective roles of European Commission President, the High Representative and the European Council President in the CFSP;

Amendment 12 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. Deplores the complexity of the EU's external representation and underlines that overlapping roles and actions undermine the credibility of the EU as a global actor; supports in this regard, the "Team Europe" approach to avoid duplication and confusion in the EU's foreign policy;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 c. Calls on all EU decision-makers to ramp up efforts to fight foreign disinformation, interference attempts and hybrid threats, which undermine the Union's ability to develop and implement effectively its internal and foreign policies; considers it necessary to broaden the scope of threats defined in the mutual defence clause stipulated in Article 42(7) TEU to include hybrid threats, disinformation campaigns and economic coercion by third countries

Or. en

Amendment 14 Charles Goerens

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Draft opinion Paragraph 3 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 d. Underlines the need to clarify as soon as possible the respective roles of the European Council President, the European Commission President, and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR)

Or. en

Amendment 15 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 3 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 e. Proposes to create a single Presidency of the EU by merging the functions of the European Council President with those from the European Commission President

Or. en

Amendment 16 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Recalls the importance of parliamentary diplomacy as a foreign policy tool

Amendment 17 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy with external alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and external like-minded countries, in particular the US, the UK and Canada.

Amendment

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy with external alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and external like-minded democratic countries, in particular the US, the UK and Canada; underlines the importance of cooperation with EU candidate and potential candidate countries in foreign affairs; reiterates its support to CFSP policy alignement during EU accession negotiations;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy *with external alliances such as* the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and *external like-minded countries*, in particular the US, the UK and Canada

Amendment

5. Reaffirms its strong commitment to the Union's partnership with the North Atlantic Treaty organisation, which remains fundamental to EU security policy; Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy in the framework of a consolidated partnership within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and EU allies and partners, in particular the US, the UK and Canada.

Amendment 19 Helmut Scholz

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy with external alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and external likeminded countries, in particular the US, the UK and Canada.

Amendment

5. Calls for **good** cooperation with external **partners and at UN level in view of promoting dialogue, peace and a rules- based international order**.

Or. en

Amendment 20 Markéta Gregorová on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy with external alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and *external like-minded countries, in particular the US, the UK and Canada*.

Amendment

5. Calls for the development of more integrated cooperation in the field of foreign and security policy with external alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and *partners in the Euro-Atlantic area*, the Indo-Pacific and the Global South.

Or. en

Amendment 21 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls on strengthening the efforts to fight foreign interference in democratic processes in the EU, including through the spread of manipulative disinformation; considers it necessary to broaden the scope of threats defined in the mutual defence clause stipulated in Article 42(7) TEU to include hybrid threats, manipulative disinformation campaigns and economic coercion by third countries;

Or. en

Amendment 22 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Is firmly convinced that the EU needs a strong vision and a common strategy to consolidate its unity and decision-making capacity in order to prepare further enlargements; considers that any project of interaction with the European neighbours should not constitute an alternative to the ongoing process of negotiations to the EU accession;

Or. en

Amendment 23 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Welcomes the European Political Community as a new informal format for dialogue and cooperation; Recalls

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nevertheless the importance of European organisations such as the Council of Europe and OSCE and calls on the EU Institutions to better coordinate their actions with the respective organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 24 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

Notes that the European 5 b. Parliament is actively involved in the CFSP through its particular instruments; underlines the importance and unique nature of Parliament's set of democratisation programmes, such as the 'Jean Monnet Dialogue', aimed at fostering and strengthening the work of parliaments; 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 25 Charles Goerens

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Calls on the Council to convene a specific ad-hoc working group to reflect

on possible Treaty changes, with a view to convening a convention composed of representatives of the national parliaments, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, the European Parliament and the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 26 Victor Negrescu

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Believes that the EU shall reform and strengthen its ability to sanction States, governments, entities, groups or organisations as well as individuals that do not comply with its fundamental principles, agreements and laws.

Or. en

Amendment 27 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Underlines the key role of EU Delegations in conducting CFSP, representing EU values and principles abroad and seeking the fulfilment of EU interests, including through Parliament's strengthened oversight; in this respect, highlights the importance for necessary and appropriate resources and capabilities in order to carry out their mandates effectively;

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Amendment 28 Vladimír Bilčík

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 d. Stresses the need for the EU to increase the visibility of its CFSP through a better, more strategic communication of its external actions towards its own citizens and towards citizens of third countries;