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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 58**

**Draft opinion**  
**Tineke Strik**  
(PE740.644v01-00)

Implementation of “passerelle” clauses in the EU Treaties  
(2022/2142(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**-A. Whereas a growing number of threats, including the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, the continued rise of global authoritarianism, the assertive foreign policy of the People's Republic of China, the climate emergency, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, are profoundly reshaping the EU's immediate geopolitical environment; whereas the proliferation of new and emerging challenges requires the EU to be in a position to act in a swift and decisive manner in its external action; whereas the present de facto requirement of Council unanimity in all matters under Title V TEU severely hampers the Union's ability to pursue this objective;**

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital -A (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**-A. Whereas the unanimity rule is one of the major shortcomings of the EU, affecting its ability to act and making it unfit to tackle many of today's challenges; whereas a reform of the EU's decision-making should therefore be a priority for Member States to ensure that the EU can react more swiftly to future crises;**

**Amendment 3**  
**Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has only been used in a very limited way over the past decade due to a lack of political will from the Member States;

*Amendment*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has ***been hampered by the unanimity vote still required in the Council, and it has*** only been used in a very limited way over the past decade due to a lack of political will from the Member States;

**Amendment 4**  
**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A**

*Draft opinion*

A. whereas ***the potential for fast, efficient and effective*** foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, ***has*** only been used in a very limited way over the past decade ***due to a lack of political will from the Member States***;

*Amendment*

A. whereas ***passerelle clauses in*** foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, ***have*** only been used in a very limited way over the past decade;

**Amendment 5**  
**Miriam Lexmann**

**Draft opinion**

## Recital A

### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has only been used in a very limited way over the past decade due to **a** lack of political will from the Member States;

### *Amendment*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has only been used in a very limited way over the past decade due to lack of ***common threat perception, strategic culture and*** political will from the Member States;

Or. en

## Amendment 6 Thijs Reuten

### Draft opinion Recital A

### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in ***the Lisbon Treaty, has only been used in a very limited way over the past decade*** due to a lack of political will from the Member States;

### *Amendment*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in ***particular in Article 48(7) and Article 31(3) TEU, has yet to be operationalised*** due to a lack of political will from the Member States;

Or. en

## Amendment 7 Milan Uhrík

### Draft opinion Recital A

### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has ***only*** been used ***in a very limited way over the past decade due***

### *Amendment*

A. whereas the potential for fast, efficient and effective foreign policy, security and defence action, as set out in the Lisbon Treaty, has been used ***to an appropriate extent and with due regard to***

*to a lack of political will from* the Member States;

the Member States' *positions*;

Or. sk

**Amendment 8**  
**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A a. whereas two out of the eight passerelle clauses in the Treaty on European Union are applicable to foreign and security policy, notably the general passerelle clause in Article 48 (7) TEU and in Article 31 (3) TEU;*

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*A b. whereas passerelle clauses could be used immediately to switch from the requirement of unanimity to qualified majority voting in specific policy areas, with the exception of decisions with military implications or those in the area of defence;*

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine; ***whereas the use of QMV could also shield the EU from third-country pressure and divide-and-rule tactics;***

Or. en

**Amendment 11**  
**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses ***would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making*** in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) ***and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine;***

*Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) would ***continue the headlong rush of the European Union, which is increasingly superseding the will of its constituent states;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately **boost** the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) **and** would **be highly appropriate given** the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian **war** against Ukraine;

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately **enhance** the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the **EU's** common foreign and security policy (CFSP); **whereas doing so** would **allow the EU to respond more swiftly and decisively to** the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian **Federation's war of aggression** against Ukraine;

Or. en

### **Amendment 13** **Milan Uhrík**

#### **Draft opinion** **Recital B**

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would **immediately boost the efficiency** of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly **appropriate** given the dramatic change **to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine**;

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would **jeopardise the unanimity** of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly **dangerous** given the dramatic change **in the EU's foreign policy**;

Or. sk

### **Amendment 14** **Fabio Massimo Castaldo**

#### **Draft opinion** **Recital B**

##### *Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European

##### *Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European



security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine;

security environment as a result of the Russian war *of aggression* against Ukraine;

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Petras Auštrevičius**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of *the Russian war* against Ukraine;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses would immediately boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and would be highly appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of *Russia's war of aggression* against Ukraine;

Or. en

**Amendment 16**  
**Miriam Lexmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses *would immediately* boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and *would be highly* appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine;

*Amendment*

B. whereas the use of passerelle clauses *may* boost the efficiency of decision-making in the field of the common foreign and security policy (CFSP) and *may be* appropriate given the dramatic change to the European security environment as a result of the Russian war against Ukraine;

Or. en

**Amendment 17**

**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B a. Whereas according to the Treaties, the activation of the passerelle clauses always requires unanimity in the Council or European Council;***

Or. en

**Amendment 18**

**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B a. Whereas the geopolitical situation urges the EU to play a stronger and more coherent role in the international arena;***

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B b. Whereas the Conference on the Future of Europe has shown that citizens want more efficient decision-making in the field of foreign and security policy through the use of QMV instead of***

*unanimity;*

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital B c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***B c. Whereas in light of a possible future enlargement of the Union, internal reform and abolishing unanimity becomes even more pressing;***

Or. en

**Amendment 21**

**Milan Uhrík**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C. whereas the Czech Presidency of the Council sent a letter to the Member States with a list of specific policy areas that could be switched to qualified majority voting (QMV);*** ***deleted***

Or. sk

**Amendment 22**

**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital C a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***C a. whereas the Presidency listed 11 concrete actions in foreign affairs, and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) related to the Articles 24, 27, 28, 29, 37, 39, 41, 42, and 44 TEU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 23**

**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-1. Strongly believes that the Council's unanimity-based decision-making process in matters falling under Title V TEU is deeply inadequate to effectively respond to emerging international challenges and crises and shape the EU's pro-active and decisive external action on the global stage;***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**

**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph -1 (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***-1. Calls for limiting the use of unanimity by using the passerelle clauses or by amending the Treaties;***

Or. en

**Amendment 25**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. ***Regrets*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, ***even though*** the Russian war against Ukraine ***has*** clearly ***called for*** more efficient ***and swift*** decision-making;

*Amendment*

1. ***Deplores the fact*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP ***due to Member States' lack of political will and contrary to the Parliament's clear position on the matter; takes the view that emerging global challenges and the Union's immediate geopolitical environment, notably the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, clearly necessitate the EU to adopt swifter and more efficient decision-making processes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Bernhard Zimniok**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. ***Regrets*** that passerelle clauses ***have*** never ***been*** used in the field of the CFSP, ***even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;***

*Amendment*

1. ***Notes*** that passerelle clauses ***was*** never used ***so far*** in the field of the CFSP, ***and that this makes sense, as the sensitivity of the issues dealt with under CFSP and the possible ramifications for individual European nations considered in the light of the sovereignty of the Member States and calls for measured and balanced responses and as such the EU Commission cannot encroach further of the sovereign rights of the Member States;***

Or. en

#### Amendment 27

Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 1

#### *Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though the Russian war against Ukraine **has** clearly **called** for more efficient and swift decision-making;

#### *Amendment*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, **despite repeated calls of the European Parliament and recommendations of citizens in the context of the Conference on the Future of Europe**, even though the Russian war against Ukraine **and the corresponding increased geopolitical volatility and security instability in Europe** clearly **call** for more efficient and swift decision-making;

Or. en

#### Amendment 28

Fabio Massimo Castaldo

#### Draft opinion

##### Paragraph 1

#### *Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

#### *Amendment*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though the **volatile international security environment of which the** Russian war **of aggression** against Ukraine **is the most blatant example** has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

Or. en

#### Amendment 29

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani

#### Draft opinion

## Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. ***Regrets*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, ***even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;***

### *Amendment*

1. ***Welcomes the fact*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP; ***is concerned about the attempts to use the war in Ukraine as a pretext for giving the EU all the prerogatives of a state, including in foreign and defence policy, by watering down the sovereignty of the Member States;***

Or. fr

## Amendment 30

Milan Uhrík

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. ***Regrets*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, ***even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;***

### *Amendment*

1. ***Notes*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP ***and continues to insist on unanimity in voting on CFSP issues;***

Or. sk

## Amendment 31

Petras Auštrevičius

### Draft opinion

#### Paragraph 1

### *Draft opinion*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though ***the Russian war*** against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

### *Amendment*

1. Regrets that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though ***Russia's war of aggression*** against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

Or. en

**Amendment 32**  
**Miriam Lexmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

1. ***Regrets*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

*Amendment*

1. ***Notes*** that passerelle clauses have never been used in the field of the CFSP, even though the Russian war against Ukraine has clearly called for more efficient and swift decision-making;

Or. en

**Amendment 33**  
**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1 a. Acknowledges that passerelle clauses could improve the efficiency of the EU's decision making if activated; is however of the opinion that passerelle clauses have considerable flaws due to the requirement of unanimity for their activation and that Treaty change therefore is necessary;***

Or. en

**Amendment 34**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*



***1 a. Calls on the Member States to demonstrate the political will to overcome the practice of imposing vetoes on matters related to the Union's external action for purposes of obtaining concessions in unrelated policy areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Bernhard Zimniok**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Urges the Council Presidency to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses in the field of the CFSP on the agenda;***

***deleted***

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Milan Uhrík**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***2. Urges the Council Presidency to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses in the field of the CFSP on the agenda;***

***deleted***

Or. sk

**Amendment 37**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Urges the Council Presidency to follow up on the **Czech** initiative in an effective way **by putting** the use of **the** passerelle clauses in the field of **the CFSP on** the agenda;

*Amendment*

2. Urges the **Swedish** Council Presidency to follow up on the initiative **of the Czech Council Presidency** in an effective way, **starting with the addition of** the use of passerelle clauses in the field of **CFSP and relevant Commission external action to** the agenda **of the first Council meeting following the adoption of the present report**;

Or. en

**Amendment 38**

**Hilde Vautmans, Frédérique Ries, Ilhan Kyuchyuk, Nathalie Loiseau, Ramona Strugariu, Javier Nart, Klemen Grošelj, Salima Yenbou, María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Urges the Council **Presidency** to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses in the field of the CFSP on the agenda;

*Amendment*

2. Urges the **Swedish and upcoming Spanish and Belgian Council Presidencies** to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses in the field of the CFSP on the agenda **and decide on its activation without delay and certainly by the end of this parliamentary term**;

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Miriam Lexmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

2. Urges the Council Presidency to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses in ***the field*** of the CFSP on the agenda;

2. Urges the Council Presidency to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the ***feasibility of the*** use of the passerelle clauses in ***specific areas*** of the CFSP on the agenda;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 40**

**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 2**

#### *Draft opinion*

2. Urges the Council Presidency ***to follow up on the Czech initiative in an effective way by putting the use of the passerelle clauses*** in the field of the CFSP ***on the agenda***;

#### *Amendment*

2. Urges the Council Presidency ***not to call into question unanimous decision-making*** in the field of the CFSP;

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 41**

**Thijs Reuten**

#### **Draft opinion**

##### **Paragraph 2 a (new)**

#### *Draft opinion*

#### *Amendment*

***2 a. Recalls that Article 48(7) and Article 31(3) TEU contain passerelle clauses that can enable switching from unanimity to qualified majority voting in areas that fall under Title V TEU; calls on the Member States to make full use of the passerelle clauses, in particular that contained in Article 31(3) TEU, without further delay, especially in priority areas;***

Or. en

**Amendment 42**  
**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. *Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. fr

**Amendment 43**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year *with* priority areas *such as* the EU global human rights sanctions regime, *restrictive* measures *and other instruments linked* to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the *enlargement* process; *stresses that unanimity* decisions *should remain required* for the creation and deployment of military missions *or operations* under the *common security and defence policy (CSDP)*;

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP *and relevant Commission areas of external action*, starting within a year *by activating the passerelle clauses for priority areas; insists that these* priority areas *include all decision-making regarding the Union's sanctions regimes, notably* the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime, *as well as any* measures *related* to the Russian war *of aggression* against Ukraine, *including restrictive measures, defence assistance, and financial and economic support*, and interim steps in the *EU accession* process; *urges Member States to give consideration*

*to switching to QMV for relevant Council decisions **pertaining to the common security and defence policy (CSDP) with the exception of the mutual defence clause in Article 42(7) TEU**; encourages the consideration of the use of QMV in situations where passerelle clauses do not apply and for the creation and deployment of military missions under the **CSDP that do not involve an executive mandate**;*

Or. en

**Amendment 44**  
**Bernhard Zimniok**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in ***all*** areas of the CFSP, ***starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process***; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to ***not*** switch to QMV for ***any*** decisions in ***the*** areas of the CFSP;

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Milan Uhrík**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. ***Urges the Member States to switch***

*Amendment*

3. Stresses that unanimity decisions

*to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process*; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. sk

**Amendment 46**  
**Miriam Lexmann**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to *switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process*; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to *continue working on building common threat perception and strategic culture which, alongside political will, are the key to more efficient and swift decision-making*; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. en

**Amendment 47**  
**Tom Vandenkendelaere**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process ***with the exception of the interim benchmarks related to chapters 23 and 24***; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Petras Auštrevičius**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to ***the Russian war*** against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in all areas of the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime (***the EU Magnitsky Act***), restrictive measures and other instruments linked to ***Russia's war of aggression*** against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Antonio López-Istúriz White, Radosław Sikorski, Francisco José Millán Mon, Gabriel**

**Mato, Javier Zarzalejos**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for decisions in ***all*** areas of ***the CFSP, starting within a year with priority areas such as*** the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine ***and interim steps in the enlargement process***; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV for, ***as a matter of priority,*** decisions in areas of ***CFSP concerning*** the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. en

**Amendment 50**  
**David Lega**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV ***for decisions in all areas of the CFSP***, starting within a year with priority areas such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

*Amendment*

3. Urges the Member States to switch to QMV, starting within a year with priority areas, ***for decisions in certain areas of the CFSP*** such as the EU global human rights sanctions regime, restrictive measures and other instruments linked to the Russian war against Ukraine and interim steps in the enlargement process; stresses that unanimity decisions should remain required for the creation and deployment of military missions or operations under the common security and defence policy (CSDP);

Or. en



**Amendment 51**

**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 a. Urges the Council to make greater use of the flexibility provided for in Article 31(2) TEU; calls on the European Council to explore the adoption of a greater number of decisions regarding the EU's CFSP and relevant Commission external action as relating to the Union's strategic interests and objectives under Article 22(1) TEU, whether concerning the relations of the Union with a specific country or region or thematic in approach, thereby enabling qualified majority voting under Article 31(2) TEU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 52**

**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***3 b. Encourages, pending the activation of the passerelle clauses and the full application of qualified majority voting in all areas of the CFSP and relevant Commission areas of external action, the use of constructive abstention in line with Article 31(1) TEU;***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**

**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 c. Invites the Member States, where appropriate, to make greater use of enhanced cooperation in the fields of CFSP and relevant Commission external action and consider the adoption of decisions in line with the provisions for qualified majority voting set out in Article 333(1) TFEU and Article 330 TFEU;**

Or. en

**Amendment 54**

**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 3 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3 d. Insists that any activation and implementation of passerelle clauses regarding Title V TEU may not delay, nor form a pretext for any lack of political will to facilitate, convening a convention by activating the procedure for revising the Treaties provided for in Article 48 TEU, with the objective of, inter alia, enshrining qualified majority voting for all matters relating to the EU's CFSP and relevant Commission areas of external action in the Treaties;**

Or. en

**Amendment 55**

**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Thierry Mariani**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

4. *Reiterates the need for strong parliamentary oversight of the CFSP and CSDP to ensure accountability and democratic legitimacy; calls on the Council, Commission and European External Action Service to proactively engage with Parliament and keep it informed; commits itself to improving the efficiency of its oversight mechanisms, so as to potentially speed up decision-making within the Council.*

4. *Stresses that the European Parliament must under no circumstances undermine the prerogatives of the parliaments of the Member States by becoming a monitoring body for a supposed EU foreign policy, which would not be the desired outcome of its constituent states but would have its own rationale.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 56**  
**Thijs Reuten**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

4. Reiterates the need for strong parliamentary oversight of the CFSP *and CSDP* to ensure accountability and democratic legitimacy; calls on the Council, Commission and European External Action Service to proactively engage with Parliament and keep it informed; commits itself to improving the efficiency of its oversight mechanisms, *so as to potentially speed up* decision-making within the Council.

*Amendment*

4. Reiterates the need for strong parliamentary oversight of the CFSP, ***CSDP, and Commission external action*** to ensure accountability and democratic legitimacy; calls on the Council, Commission and European External Action Service to proactively engage with Parliament and keep it informed; commits itself to improving the efficiency of its oversight mechanisms, ***in particular where doing so could contribute to speeding up*** decision-making within the Council.

Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4 a. *Reiterates that the option for***

*constructive abstention enshrined in Article 31 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) should be used more often to overcome potential deadlocks imposed by Member States.*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Tineke Strik**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4 b. Calls for the “passerelle” clauses to be used also for those areas where responsibilities have been conferred upon the EU.*

Or. en