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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on Crisis Management

PE 293.049
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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Crisis Management

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Conclusions of the Feira Summit;
- having regard to the Commission's proposal for a non-military Rapid Reaction Facility;
- A. whereas the 1999 Helsinki mandate dictated a need for non-military crisis management forces;
- B. whereas the intended police force is formally under the jurisdiction of the Second Pillar of the Treaty, the establishment of the civilian task force would overlap with the competencies of the Commission;
- C. whereas a Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit will assess areas of possible conflict and instability;
- D. believing that not all crisis situations require a solely military response;
- 1. Welcomes the Council's determination to improve the effectiveness of the Union's capacity to respond to crises and stresses the progress achieved in the field of civilian aspects of crisis management;
- 2. Welcomes the commitment to establish a 5,000 strong standby civilian police force for conflict prevention and crisis management operations and endorses the intention to deploy 1,000 of these within 30 days;
- 3. Recognises the need for co-ordination, nevertheless regrets that the model of co-ordination agreed in Feira might undermine common EU competence's established in the Treaty, therefore, urges the Council to ensure that the EP is fully informed in this regard;
- 4. Underlines that the need to overcome complexities of the institutional relationship with regards to foreign and security policy through full collaboration between the High Representative and the Commission.