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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

by ~~xx~~[Elmar Brok](#)

on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy

on the ESDP operation in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

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**European Parliament resolution on the ESDP operation in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Council's decision of 27 January 2003 to adopt a Joint Action with a view to an early take-over of the NATO operation 'Allied Harmony' in ~~FYROM~~the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
  - having regard to Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. noting that the Union will conduct its first military operation in the ~~FYROM~~Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia at the request of the Government of ~~FYROM~~the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
- B. noting that the operation will be carried out with recourse to NATO assets and capabilities and be commanded by the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander for Europe (D-SACEUR), and that the EU operational HQ will be at the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE),
- C. drawing attention to the General Affairs Council's decision of 27 January 2003 to establish an 'operational financing mechanism' providing for the financing on the common basis of the European operation to relieve the NATO force in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
- ~~C.D.~~ convinced that the launching of any military operation in the name of the European Union needs ~~a high degree of full~~ democratic legitimacy and public ~~rapport~~support,
- ~~D.E.~~ deploring that the Treaty on European Union so far only provides limited provisions for parliamentary consultations on matters relating to the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), and that the right of Parliament to be fully informed on ESDP matters is still restricted,
- E.F. demanding, therefore, that any crisis management operation ~~under within~~ the ~~ESDP-~~framework of the updated Petersberg tasks should only be ~~approved by~~launched after consultation of the European Parliament, as the only directly elected democratic institution at European level,
- F.G. recognising that national parliaments are competent for military expenditure, military procurement ~~and the deployment of national armed forces~~, but that, on the basis of future treaty changes, the European Parliament should be responsible for approving the mandate and objectives of any EU crisis management operation financed on a common basis and in this respect, given that it shares budgetary authority with the Council, should be

responsible for the running costsregularly informed about the allocation of common expenditure under such EU joint actions,

G.H. taking note of the fact that around € 4.7 million will be pooled by EU Member States for the common costs of this mission this year,

1. Welcomes the Council's decision to take over the NATO operation 'Allied Harmony' in FYROMthe Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as the EU's first-ever military mission;
2. Underlines that this operation must be seen as an important test for the practical functioning of the ESDP and for EU-NATO cooperation;
23. Deplores, however, that Parliament had not been informed in advance about the mandate, the capabilities needed and the financial implications pursuant to Article 21 of the Treaty on European Union;
34. Emphasises the need to ensure that this mission is well integrated within the overall EU Stabilisation Policy and other conflict prevention policies for the region, and stresses the EU's contribution towards improving border security in the Former Yugoslav Republic of MacedoniaFYROM;
45. Stresses the need for a clearly defined relationship between the military command structures and the political responsibilities of the EU High Representative;
56. Calls for the Council, especially in view of the intended take-over of the SFOR command in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to inform Parliament's competent committee, in good time and with the utmost transparency, about:
  - the mandate and objectives of future ESDP missions,
  - the security situation for the deployed troops in the country,
  - the size of the deployed forces, their composition ~~and~~ their equipment,
  - the relationship between ~~the European~~ forces and US-NATO forces under EU control and those under NATO control in the area,
  - the operation of the command structures from in-the-field level to SHAPE and up to the EU Political and Security Committee,
  - the civil-military cooperation of the mission and how the operation fits into the context of the Stabilisation and Association process and the other policies of conflict prevention,
  - the financing of the shared costs of the EU operation,

- cooperation with the OSCE and the UN agencies in the region;

7. Calls on the Council to extend the 'operational financing mechanism', set up for the EU operation in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to all future European Union military operations;

68. Invites its competent committee to send a fact-finding delegation to the FYROM Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia two months after the start of the operation in order to establish a progress report to evaluate the efficiency of the operation in relation to the above questions;

79. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the national parliaments and the Chairman of the Convention on the Future of Europe, as well as the OSCE.