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WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 123 of the Rules of Procedure
on the establishment of a common EU army

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Written declaration on the establishment of a common EU army

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Union asserts its role in the international geopolitical sphere through the foreign, security and defence policy,
- B. whereas the history of the Treaties shows that the European Union's foreign policy is taking on an increasingly important role among the instruments available to the EU to implement its policies,
- C. whereas the impact of such new instruments does not yet reflect their importance, as illustrated by the far from leading foreign policy role played by the European Union in the Mediterranean crisis,
 1. Calls on the Council and the Member States to step up their efforts to look into an appropriate way of establishing closer ties with a view to establishing a common EU army by 2050;
 2. Suggests that the Commission show, through an impact assessment, to what extent the rapid reaction forces and Petersberg tasks have contributed to maintaining international peace and security over the past 10 years;
 3. Calls on the Commission and the Council to devise a deterrence mechanism through which EU Member States will undertake to ensure that the EU common army is only used where some other means of internal and foreign policy coordination has been used to achieve the same goal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council, the Commission, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the parliaments of the Member States.