

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4566/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: NATO's defence clause under Article 5 of the NATO Treaty

1. Since 12 September 2001, the collective defence clause under Article 5 of the NATO Treaty has been in operation. As part of this defence clause, 8 separate measures have been taken by NATO/EU countries to support the USA.

What measures are the individual EU States actually taking, and what is the extent thereof? How does participation in these measures affect the military, technological and human resources of EU States and the development of EU Battle Groups?

2. In the Commission's view, how have the various NATO measures been implemented since 2001?
3. What is the Commission's opinion of the extension of some of the measures, for instance 'Operation Active Endeavour'? Does this hinder the creation of the new EU political defence mechanisms?
4. How long can/should the collective security clause remain in force? Is the Commission discussing its timeframe? What position is the Commission taking on this issue?