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to the Commission**

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Subject: Objectives of development policy

The UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDG) guide the development policies of many European Union Member States. The deadline for the MDG is 2015. The European Union is a global development policy pioneer, and its policies and operations in conjunction with the UN are remarkable examples of how to eliminate extreme hunger and poverty or ensure sustainable development of the environment.

The position of developing countries is significantly affected by their security-policy situation. In the MDGs as they currently stand, development-policy and security-policy instruments are not particularly combined. Yet security-policy instruments could promote global security and stability in a manner which would duly respect the rights of people in developing countries.

Has a start been made within the Commission on preparing new development-policy objectives in cooperation with the UN, and are there any plans for integrating the security-policy aspect into the objectives more than at present?