

**Question for written answer E-005266/2020/rev.1**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Josep Borrell's plan for 'A Stronger Europe in the World'

On 24 September the Vice-President / High Representative presented the project 'A Stronger Europe in the World' to the Conference of Presidents. Stress was laid on the need to free foreign affairs from the unanimity rule, and move instead to the qualified majority rule. Such an aspiration is a diplomatic absurdity while the European Union constantly demonstrates its total incapacity to make itself heard as a voice that counts internationally, and its people aspire after a return to nationhood. It is a political absurdity, as reconciling the interests of such a large number of Member States is impossible, and the majority obtained for each decision would be bound to go against the interests of one or more Member States. It is a democratic absurdity because the people would no longer be represented in the international sphere by the people they have elected.

1. Could the Vice-President / High Representative, state clearly the plan: is he really intending to drag certain EU countries into conflicts which do not concern them?
2. Does he wish to subjugate the diplomatic services of the Member States, and hence their armies, to this political plan of his which the people of Europe condemn overwhelmingly?