

Question for written answer E-002531/2021

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

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Subject: Establishment of a 'European First Entry Force'

On 6 May 2021, at the conclusion of the Council of European Defence Ministers, Josep Borrell, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, gave his support to a proposal made by 14 States on the establishment of a 'First Entry Force'.

Mr Borrell said that the European Union needed to have better prepared and equipped personnel in order to intervene more quickly.

He explained that the Union must act more quickly, especially in taking decisions. In his view, more incentives should also be created to increase the resources and personnel made available by the Member States for civilian and military Common Security and Defence Policy missions.

The Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy also stressed that these missions and operations should be more flexible.

By taking these positions, Mr Borrell has set out his political project: the subordination of national defence systems to a Community defence system.

1. In the view of the VP/HR, who would head such a force?
2. Would the Member States' right of veto over the formation and use of such a force be retained?
3. Would national headquarters have to submit to its actions and would the European Parliament be involved in any decision to deploy troops?