



MINUTES

Meeting of 27 January 2025, 15.00-18.00,
and 28 January 2025, 9.00-12.30 and 14.30-17.30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened on Monday 27 January 2025 at 15.15, with Petras Auštrevičius (oldest Member) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Constitutive meeting

Opening of the meeting with the provisional Chair

3. Election of the Chair

Petras Auštrevičius reminded the Members of:

- a) the purpose of the meeting: the constitution of the committee Bureau by the election of the Chair and four Vice-Chairs in accordance with Rule 219 of the Rules of Procedure
- b) the order of election, starting with the election of the Chair followed by the elections of the four Vice-Chairs

Petras Auštrevičius called for nominations for the Chair of the Committee. Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (DE) on behalf of RENEW, was the only candidate proposed as Chair. In the absence of other nominations, the Chair declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

With the newly elected Chair

4. Election of the Vice-Chairs in separate ballots

Election of the 1st Vice-Chair

The Chair called for the nomination of the 1st Vice-Chair of the Committee:

The only proposed candidate is Christophe Gomart (EPP, FR). He accepted the nomination. In the absence of other nominations, the Chair declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

Election of the 2nd Vice-Chair

The Chair called for the nomination of the 2nd Vice-Chair of the Committee:

The first proposed candidate was Mihai Tudose (S-D, RO). The second candidate, proposed by Pierre-Romain Thionnet (Pfe, FR) was Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová (Pfe, CS). Both accepted the nominations. The election took place by secret ballot: Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová received 10 votes in favour and Mihai Tudose received 28 votes in favour. The Chair declared the candidate Mihai Tudose as elected.

Election of the 3rd Vice-Chair

The Chair called for the nomination of the 3rd Vice-Chair of the Committee:

The proposed candidate, Alberico Gambino (ECR, IT) accepted the nomination. In the absence of other nominations, the Chair declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

Election of the 4th Vice-Chair

The Chair called for the nomination of the 4th Vice-Chair of the Committee:

The proposed candidate, Riho Terras, (EPP, EE) accepted the nomination. In the absence of other nominations, the Chair declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

5. Chair's announcements

6. Exchange of views on Polish priorities in the area of the EU security and defence with Paweł Zalewski, Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland

Speakers: Paweł Zalewski (Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Elio Di Rupo, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Alberico Gambino, Nathalie Loiseau, Reinier Van Lanschot, Hans Neuhoff, Michał Szczerba, Michael Gahler, José Cepeda, Petras Auštrevičius, Marion Maréchal, Christophe Gomart, Riho Terras.

7. **Ukrainian experience in countering the Axis of Evil's networks that supply components for Russia's military and its illegal attacks on civilian infrastructure**

Exchange of views with,

- **Hanna Hopko, Co-Founder of the International Centre for Ukrainian Victory, and Chairwoman of the National Interests Advocacy Network “ANTS”;**
- **Olena Tregub, Secretary General of the Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (NAKO);**
- **Mykhailo Gonchar, President of the Centre for Global Studies "Strategy XXI";**
- **Andrii Zahorodniuk, Chairman of the Board of the Center for Defence Strategies and former Minister of Defence of Ukraine (2019–2020)**

Speakers: Hanna Hopko (International Centre for Ukrainian Victory) Olena Tregub (NAKO), Mykhailo Gonchar (Centre for Global Studies), Andrii Zahorodniuk (Board of the Center for Defence Strategies), Michael Gahler, Lucia Annunziata, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Geadis Geadis, Nathalie Loiseau, Reinier Van Lanschot, Hans Neuhoﬀ, Petras Auštrevičius.

The meeting adjourned at 18.03 and resumed on 28 January at 09.04 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding

In association with the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

8. **Exchange of views with James Appathurai, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid, and Cyber on the Baltic Sentry and hybrid threats**

Speakers: James Appathurai (NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Sven Mikser, Nicolas Bay, Arkadiusz Mularczyk, Nathalie Loiseau, Mārtiņš Staķis, Hans Neuhoﬀ, Michał Szczerba, Tonino Picula, Petras Auštrevičius, Rasa Juknevičienė, Costas Mavrides, Pekka Toveri, Michael Gahler.

The meeting adjourned at 10.05 and resumed at 10.32 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding

***** In camera *****

9. **Working Group on the White Paper on Strengthening European Defence Exchange of views with Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space (Coordinators only)**

Speakers: Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space, Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Sven Mikser, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Reinis Pozņaks, Nathalie Loiseau, Mārtiņš Staķis, Marc Botenga, Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann

The meeting adjourned at 11.13 and resumed at 11.29 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding

10. Coordinators' meeting

*** *End of in camera* ***

The meeting adjourned at 12.09 and resumed at 14.34 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding

*** *In camera* ***

11. Exchange of views with Rear Admiral Louis Tillier, Director of the EU Satellite Centre, on SatCen support to CSDP and development priorities for 2025-2029

Speakers: Rear Admiral Louis Tillier (EU Satellite Centre), Christophe Gomart, Sven Mikser, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Alberico Gambino, Nathalie Loiseau, Villy Søvndal, Marina Mesure, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez, Lucia Annunziata, Matej Tonin, José Cepeda, Marta Wcisło, Elio Di Rupo.

12. Exchange of views with Nadia Costantini, EEAS Special Envoy for Counterterrorism and co-Chair of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF): update on the situation in Iraq and Syria

Speakers: Nadia Costantini (EEAS), Christophe Gomart, Sven Mikser, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Nathalie Loiseau, Villy Søvndal, Andrey Novakov, Nicolas Bay

The meeting adjourned at 16.20 and resumed at 16.29 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding

13. Operation EUNAVFOR ASPIDES: state of play and key updates one year on

Exchange of view with

- **Cosmin Dobran, Director – Peace, Partnership and Crisis Management, EEAS**
- **Rear Admiral Vasileios Gryparis, Operation Commander of EUNAVFOR ASPIDES**

Speakers: Cosmin Dobran (EEAS), Vasileios Gryparis (EUNAVFOR), Andrey Novakov, Sven Mikser, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Villy Søvndal,

*** *End of in camera* ***

14. Any other business

15. Date of next meeting

- 17-18 February 2025 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 17.11.

**ПРИСЪСТВЕН ЛИСТ/LISTA DE ASISTENCIA/PREZENČNÍ LISTINA/DELTAGERLISTE/
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<p>Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (P)(1,2), Christophe Gomart (1st VP)(1,2), Mihai Tudose (2nd VP)(1,2), Alberico Gambino (3rd VP)(1,2), Riho Terras (4th VP)(1,2)</p>
<p>Членове/Diputados/Poslanci/Medlemmer/Mitglieder/Parlamendiliikmed/Βουλευτές/Members/Députés/Zastupnici/Deputati/Deputāti/ Nariai/Képviselek/Membri/Leden/Posłowie/Deputados/Deputați/Jäsenet/Ledamöter</p>
<p>Petras Auštrevičius (1,2), Wouter Beke (1,2), Marc Botenga (1,2), Salvatore De Meo (2), Elio Di Rupo (1,2), Elena Donazzan (1), Niclas Herbst (1,2), György Hölvényi (2), Nathalie Loiseau (1,2), Costas Mavrides (2), Vangelis Meimarakis (2), Ana Catarina Mendes (2), Sven Mikser (2), Hans Neuhoﬀ (1,2), Andrey Novakov (1,2), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte (1,2), Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová (1,2), Reinis Pozņaks (2), Mārtiņš Staķis (1,2), Kostas Papadakis (2), Sebastiaan Stötelers (1,2), Michał Szczerba (1,2), Alice Teodorescu Măwe (2), Pierre-Romain Thionnet (1,2), Pekka Toveri (1,2), Reinier Van Lanschot (1), Roberto Vannacci (1), Michael von der Schulenburg (1), Alexandr Vondra (1,2), Lucia Yar (1,2), Marjan Šarec (1)</p>
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<p>SEDE: Lucia Annunziata (1,2), Nicolas Bay (2), José Cepeda (1,2), Siegbert Frank Droese (2), Engin Eroglu (2), Nikolas Farantouris (2), Michael Gahler (1,2), Bart Groothuis (1), Rasa Juknevičienė (2), Eszter Lakos (1), Judita Laššáková (1), Yannis Maniatis (1,2), Marion Maréchal (1), Marina Mesure (2), Angelika Niebler (2), Tonino Picula (1,2), Thijs Reuten (1,2), Hélder Sousa Silva (1), Villy Søvndal (2), Matej Tonin (2), Hilde Vautmans (2), Loránt Vincze (1), Marta Wcisło (2), Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez (2)</p> <p>DNAT: Arkadiusz Mularczyk (2)</p>

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Daniel Buda, Herbert Dorfmann, Geadis Geadis, Sergey Lagodinsky, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Margarita de la Pisa Carrión
222 (3)
57 (8) (Точка от дневния ред/Punto del orden del día/Bod pořadu jednání (OJ)/Punkt på dagsordenen/Tagesordnungspunkt/ Päevakorra punkt/Σημείο της ημερήσιας διάταξης/Agenda item/Point OJ/Točka dnevnog reda/Punto all'ordine del giorno/Darba kārtības punkts/Darbotvarkés punktā/Napirendi pont/Punt Agenda/Agendapunt/Punkt porządku dziennego/Ponto OD/Punct de pe ordinea de zi/Bod programu schůdze/Točka UL/Esityslistan kohta/Punkt på föredragningslistan)

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dne/Läsnä/Närvarande den:

- (1) 27.01.2025
(2) 28.01.2025

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Pawel Zalewski (Secretary of State at the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland),
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Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space

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Nadia Constantini, Cosmin Dobran, Admiral Vasileios Gryparis

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Admiral Louis Tillier

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PfE	Demey, Huszar-Dekany
ECR	Cialfi, van Luik
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NI	Pasini

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