



**2018/2099(INI)**

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# **OPINION**

of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on the Annual report on the implementation of the Common Security and  
Defence Policy  
(2018/2099(INI))

Rapporteur: Paulo Rangel

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Constitutional Affairs calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the creation of the EII, the establishment of PESCO and the reinforcement of the EDF as important steps towards strengthening the Union's security and defence, in close cooperation and full complementarity with NATO; takes good note of the creation of the European Intervention Initiative as a rapid response to crises that could threaten European security, while pointing out that it must not impede the creation of the EU Defence Union, despite being outside the EU's legal framework;
2. Notes that several Member States have recently called for an EU Security Council, and believes that this concept needs to be further defined before an assessment of its added value can be carried out;
3. Calls for the full development of the EU Battle Groups and is of the opinion that the unanimity requirement in the Council contradicts their purpose as a military rapid reaction capacity to respond to emerging crises and conflicts around the world;
4. Stresses the need to further enhance the autonomous intelligence capabilities of the EU, namely by upgrading the European Union Intelligence and Situation Centre (EU INTCEN); endorses, furthermore, the creation of an efficient European intelligence unit allowing for intelligence cooperation, namely on a common strategy for fighting organised crime and terrorism, and ensuring automatic data accessibility and interoperability among intelligence services and with the police, while taking full account of EU data protection requirements;
5. Welcomes the inauguration of a permanent operational headquarters and the increase in the EDA's budget;
6. Reiterates its call for the establishment of a meeting format for defence ministers within the Council, chaired by the VP/HR; recognises that further European integration should also mean more democratic scrutiny through parliamentary control; underlines therefore the need to strengthen the European Parliament's role in this field, namely through a fully-fledged Committee on Security and Defence, complemented by joint inter-parliamentary meetings between representatives from national parliaments and MEPs;
7. Stresses that any future Convention or Intergovernmental Conference preparing a change of the EU Treaties should consider establishing a European force with the effective defence capability of engaging in peace-keeping, conflict prevention and strengthening international security in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and in line with the tasks set out in Article 43(1) of the TEU;
8. Points out that both the internal and the external dimensions of the Union CSDP can benefit from the development of a single defence market;
9. Believes that this market is an integral part of the EU's security policy and implies clear guidelines for the export of arms and military equipment developed with the support of

the EU budget;

10. Notes that, outside the framework of the CSDP, the creation of a genuine EU Civil Protection Body and the needs of the EBCG may favour the development of such a market in order to take advantage of synergies, to create economies of scale and to reduce excess capacity;
11. Underlines that in an evolving global security environment, the European Union must be capable of autonomously guaranteeing the security of its citizens, namely by ensuring sufficient resources for defence by the Member States; notes, however, that close cooperation between the European Union and its closest allies, such as the UK and the USA, remains of the utmost importance, while stressing that the relevant institutional consequences of that cooperation should not be disregarded.

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	1.10.2018
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 16 -: 4 0: 2
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Mercedes Bresso, Elmar Brok, Richard Corbett, Pascal Durand, Esteban González Pons, Danuta Maria Hübner, Diane James, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Alain Lamassoure, Jo Leinen, Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Markus Pieper, Paulo Rangel, Helmut Scholz, Pedro Silva Pereira, Barbara Spinelli, Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Max Andersson, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Cristian Dan Preda, Jasenko Selimovic
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Ruža Tomašić

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>16</b>	<b>+</b>
ALDE	Maite Pagazaurtundúa Ruiz, Jasenko Selimovic
NI	Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski
PPE	Elmar Brok, Esteban González Pons, Danuta Maria Hübner, Alain Lamassoure, Markus Pieper, Cristian Dan Preda, Paulo Rangel
S&D	Mercedes Bresso, Richard Corbett, Enrique Guerrero Salom, Ramón Jáuregui Atondo, Jo Leinen, Pedro Silva Pereira

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ECR	Ruža Tomašić
GUE/NGL	Helmut Scholz, Barbara Spinelli
NI	Diane James

<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
VERTS/ALE	Max Andersson, Pascal Durand

**Key to symbols:**

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention