



Briefing on CSDP Report

Briefing with:
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“Draft Report on the Development of the Common Security and Defence Policy following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty”

Wednesday, March 16th 2011, 9:00h - 10:30h

Room: A5G305 in the European Parliament
Batiment Altiero Spinelli, 60 Rue Wiertz
Entrance Place Luxemburg 08:45h

With its European Security Strategy adopted in 2003 the European Council established for the first time principles and set clear objectives for advancing the EU’s security interests and stated bluntly: “The point of the Common Foreign and Security Policy and European Security and Defence Policy is that we are stronger when we act together.” In its report “Providing security in a changing world” on the implementation of this strategy the European Council failed to propose concrete new measures, indeed. In 2010, the Foreign Affairs (Defence) Council asks the European Defence Agency to “intensify its work to facilitate the identification of areas for pooling and sharing, including potentially through the establishment of a Wise Pen Team” until.

The here presented and discussed European Parliaments Draft Initiative Report describes the role of the European Parliament (EP) in the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) under the regulations of the Lisbon treaty as that of a decisive player the European Commission (EC) and the Council should better reckon with. It urges the EC, the Council and the European External Action Service (EEAS) to finally conceive a consistent CSDP which it regards not as an option but an obligation of the Member States (MS) under the Lisbon Treaty and asks the High Representative (HR) to take the lead. It states that CSDP must stay part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and not substitute it, that MS should align their resources by pooling and integrating their military and crisis management efforts much stronger and develop a holistic overall CFSP and CSDP strategy. It calls for a special Council and a White Paper on European defence.

Agenda

9:00	Opening
Welcoming	Christoph Raab , Director, European Security Round Table
Presentation	Roberto Gualtieri MEP, Group S&D Subcommittee on Security and Defence, European Parliament Presentation of the draft Report “on the Development of the Common Security and Defence Policy following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty” Q & A
The language of the meeting will be English. Participation is by invitation only and the Chatham House Rule will apply.	