

EURODEFENSE

MOTION on Implementation of the Common Security and Defence Policy

Considering that the Common Security and Defence Policy constitutes a major challenge in terms of fulfilling the requirements of the European Security Strategy and enabling the European Union to bring significant influence to bear on the world geopolitical and geostrategic balance, the Presidents of the 13 national associations of the EURODEFENSE network undertake to promote visà-vis the European and national authorities the possibilities offered by the Lisbon Treaty for giving new impetus to the field of security and defence.

EURODEFENSE advocates a comprehensive approach which truly brings together the many instruments of the EU. This would imply the formation of an operations Command structure in Brussels with civilian and military capabilities linking these instruments and ensuring an integrated approach to peace support operations.

EURODEFENSE also advocates the further elaboration of the concept of Permanent Structured Cooperation included in the Lisbon Treaty. This concept refers both to larger military capabilities and to the will to enter into more binding commitments. An important element is the willingness of the member States to cooperate in the industrial field in the context of the European Defence Agency.

The Council of Presidents EURODEFENSE takes the view that TEU Article 46 offers a situation from which each participating state stands to gain and which will strengthen the Common Security and Defence Policy. In that prospect, the States part of the Permanent Structured Cooperation would commit themselves, when they would develop any new defence capability, to take in account the European interests of security.

The Presidents of the 13 EuroDéfense associations undertake to convey this message to all those at European and national level with responsibility for security and defence.