

Amendment 22

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

2. ***Promotes and defends the EU's role as a reliable partner worldwide, a preferred 'partner of choice' for third parties, a principled, but not dogmatic, honest broker, an actor of reference for conflict resolution and mediation, which promotes diplomacy and dialogue as the preferred way to play a constructive role in global conflicts, as a leading promoter of sustainable development and a major contributor to the multilateral framework, but also as a global actor that is ready to act autonomously and decisively when necessary to defend the EU's own values and interests, that takes responsibility by ensuring its own security and promoting international peace and stability, based on the principles and values of the UN Charter and as enshrined in international law, with respect for the international rules-based order; takes the view that creativity, a more proactive attitude and more unity and solidarity among the Members States, as well as commitment and resources from the Member States, are needed to increase the EU's influence globally and to promote its positive power model and its responsible role in global governance, and in order to allow it to assume its strategic responsibility in its immediate neighbourhood;***

2. ***Recalls that it is not within the EU's remit to ensure international peace and stability, but that this is rather a mandate that has been given by countries to the UN in accordance with the UN Charter; takes the view that there is no legal basis for increasing the EU's influence globally or to promote its 'positive' power model;***

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3. Stresses that the world's growing instability, ***the increasingly confrontational environment, the erosion of multilateralism and the rise of authoritarianism, as well as multifaceted global challenges, especially the increasing climate of conflict which translates into the continuation and sometimes resumption of armed conflicts including at the eastern and southern borders of the European continent, terrorism, climate change and increasing threats to natural resources,*** uncontrolled migration flows, health-related risks, hybrid threats ***such as disinformation campaigns, active measures*** and cyberattacks, ***among others,*** should lead the EU to develop its strategic autonomy ***while strengthening cooperation with its allies; underlines the importance for the Union, in this respect, of establishing more strategic cooperation with third countries based on trust and mutual benefit, and of building*** alliances with like-minded democracies, ***including from the southern hemisphere, as well as ad hoc coalitions with other like-minded*** partners where necessary;

3. Stresses that the world's growing instability and the rise of ***unprecedented*** global challenges, ***including*** armed conflicts ***fuelled by countries such as Turkey,*** terrorism, uncontrolled migration flows, health-related risks, hybrid threats and cyberattacks, should ***not*** lead the EU to develop its strategic autonomy ***but should lead EU Member States to establish*** more strategic alliances with like-minded democracies, ***and build*** ad hoc coalitions with other partners where necessary;

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5. Expresses concerns *at the unprecedented scale of state- and non-state-sponsored disinformation and propaganda campaigns, which have devastating effects on societies, including in the European neighbourhood and in particular in the Western Balkans; condemns the manipulation and weaponisation of information, including by state, sub-state and non-state actors with malign intentions, and platforms and organisations used by authoritarian third countries to directly and indirectly finance and influence Europe's political parties and actors; welcomes the much-needed response by the EU institutions to this new challenge, such as the setting up of a new special committee in Parliament focusing on foreign interference in democratic processes in the EU, including disinformation, and the adoption of the Council decision concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States⁵; stresses the need for a response which does not limit fundamental rights and freedoms; points out the importance of effective EU strategic communication and commends the strengthening of Stratcom within the European External Action Service (EEAS) and its efforts to*

5. Expresses concerns *about the approach taken to combat alleged foreign interference and disinformation; considers that freedom of expression should be respected, and warns that, in its fight against alleged disinformation, the EU should beware not to become a counter-propaganda machine or a self-proclaimed Ministry of Truth;*

identify and suppress disinformation campaigns; highlights the need for the EU to further strengthen its capacities to proactively combat fake news and disinformation as a threat to democracy, and to improve its security culture in order to better protect its information and communication networks; calls on the EU to become a frontrunner in advocating for a collective self-defence and cooperation framework against hybrid threats and the malign influence of authoritarian regimes in particular on democratic governance and private enterprises globally; stresses, therefore, the need for the EU to strengthen its alliances with other global democratic actors to confront such threats globally, including through reformed, more resilient multilateral institutions;

⁵ *Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/797 of 17 May 2019 concerning restrictive measures against cyber-attacks threatening the Union or its Member States. OJ L 129I, 17.5.2019, p. 13.*

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13. ***Regrets the lack of progress in improving the decision-making process on CFSP matters, which impacts the efficiency, speed and credibility of EU action and decision-making on the international scene; calls on the Member States to urgently open a debate on the possibility of moving from unanimity to qualified majority voting at least in selected areas of CFSP, such as decisions on human rights issues and sanctions, as a concrete means by which to strengthen the EU's influence on the global scene;***

13. ***Urges the Member States to oppose any move from unanimity to qualified majority voting in any area of CFSP, as this would irreparably and irreversibly undermine the sovereignty of the Member States;***

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16. Supports an EU-wide debate to consider new formats of cooperation such as a European Security Council, as it is high time to formally establish the effective formats and institutions to improve the coherence and influence of the EU's foreign and security policy; believes that this idea should be discussed in the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe, and also reiterates its call for the establishment of a Defence Ministers Council;

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17. Emphasises *the fact* that the *EU has committed to strengthening the role of the UN on the international stage and stresses, therefore, the need to reform the United Nations system, reinforcing the coherence of actions by all its agencies, organisations and programmes in order to ensure that the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals are achieved; calls, once again, on Member States to support reforms to the composition and operation of the Security Council to make it more effective and operational, vital in securing world peace, with an agenda that goes beyond military security and includes movements of refugees and displaced persons, food security, climate change and combating pandemics;*

17. Emphasises that the *current* composition and operation of the Security Council, *in particular its permanent members, are the best guarantee of stability and balance within this international organisation; opposes the allocation of a Security Council seat to the European Union;*

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32. Takes the view that the EU needs to urgently ***define a better geopolitical and overall strategy for its short-, mid- and long-term relations*** with Turkey, particularly in the light of continued democratic backsliding and the growing assertiveness of Turkey's foreign policy, which is contributing to the escalation of tensions and having a destabilising impact that threatens regional peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and South Caucasus, and its role in conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Nagorno-Karabakh;

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32. Takes the view that the EU needs to urgently ***and permanently end all accession negotiations*** with Turkey, ***and should, without delay, stop all funding to Turkey as it is not a European country and has repeatedly undermined European principles and values***, particularly in the light of continued democratic backsliding and the growing assertiveness of Turkey's foreign policy, which is contributing to the escalation of tensions and having a destabilising impact that threatens regional peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and South Caucasus, and its role in conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Nagorno-Karabakh;

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64. *Emphasises the need to develop a coherent climate policy-related dimension of the CFSP, as climate change is increasingly playing the role of an economic, social and political destabiliser and risk-multiplier;* *deleted*

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