Amendment 2
Tarja Cronberg
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 10

Motion for a resolution

10. Takes the view that, in a rapidly changing and volatile geostrategic environment marked by emerging security challenges, the US rebalancing towards the Asia-Pacific region, and the impact of the financial crisis, the EU needs, without duplicating existing activities within the NATO framework, to assume its responsibility as a global political player and a credible security provider, particularly in its neighbourhood and with real strategic autonomy, in order to promote international peace and security, to protect its interests in the world and to ensure the security of its citizens; underlines, in this connection, the need for the EU to be consistent in its policies and faster and more efficient in taking up the aforementioned responsibilities;

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Or. en

Amendment 3
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Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

Motion for a resolution

11. Notes that the EU is currently facing significant financial constraints and that the Member States, for financial, budgetary and political reasons alike, which may or may not be related to the eurozone crisis, are undergoing a phase of uncoordinated reductions in their levels of defence spending; highlights the potential negative impact of *these measures* on *their* military capabilities and, therefore, on the EU's ability to assume its responsibilities effectively in the areas of peacekeeping, conflict prevention and the strengthening of international security;

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11. Notes that the EU is currently facing significant financial constraints and that the Member States, for financial, budgetary and political reasons alike, which may or may not be related to the eurozone crisis, are undergoing a phase of uncoordinated reductions in their levels of defence spending; highlights the potential negative impact of *poor coordination and cooperation* on military capabilities and, therefore, on the EU's ability to assume its responsibilities effectively in the areas of peacekeeping, conflict prevention and the strengthening of international security;

Or. en

Amendment 4
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 16

Motion for a resolution

16. Underlines the fact that the Lisbon Treaty introduced several new instruments relating to the CSDP, which have not yet been put into practice; emphasises, in this connection, the necessity of implementing those provisions in order to further strengthen the CSDP, and calls on the Council to take full advantage of the aforementioned instruments (such as permanent structured cooperation among Member States (Article 46(6) TEU) and the possibility of entrusting CSDP missions and operations in particular to that group of Member States (Articles 42(5) and 44(1) TEU));

Amendment

16. Underlines the fact that the Lisbon Treaty introduced several new instruments relating to the CSDP, which have not yet been put into practice; emphasises, in this connection, the necessity of implementing those provisions in order to further strengthen the CSDP, and calls on the Council to take full advantage of the aforementioned instruments (such as permanent structured cooperation among Member States (Article 46(6) TEU), the start-up fund (Article 41(3) TEU) and the possibility of entrusting CSDP missions and operations in particular to that group of Member States (Articles 42(5) and 44(1) TEU));

Or. en

Amendment 5
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Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

Motion for a resolution

18. Calls on the Council to engage in enhanced cooperation in the field of *armament*, notably by empowering the European Defence Agency to play its full role in promoting coordination, overseeing commitments, prioritising investment in technologies (including strategic enablers such as air-to-air refuelling, satellite communication, strategic airlift, *remotely piloted air systems, cyber defence* and the Single European Sky), agreeing on the greater use of coalitions of the willing / core groups, and finding a workable solution for the use of Battlegroups;

Amendment

18. Calls on the Council to engage in enhanced cooperation in the field of *capability development*, notably by empowering the European Defence Agency to play its full role in promoting coordination, overseeing commitments, prioritising investment in technologies (including strategic enablers such as air-to-air refuelling, satellite communication, strategic airlift and the Single European Sky), agreeing on the greater use of coalitions of the willing / core groups, and finding a workable solution for the use of Battlegroups;

Or. en

Amendment 6
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Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19

Motion for a resolution

19. Calls on the Member States to pledge their support for a robust EDTIB which can overcome the fragmentation, and enhance the creativity and strength, of European industries through closer coordination of the planning of national defence budgets (potentially through the setting-up of a 'European Semester' for defence issues) and closer coordination at the industry level (harmonisation of standards and certification of defence equipment); calls for the provision of further incentives and support for the defence industry, with a commitment to the development of key defence technologies and systems (tax incentives, financial support for research and development, and the institutionalisation of synergies between civilian and military capabilities);

Amendment

19. Calls on the Member States to pledge their support for a robust EDTIB which can overcome the fragmentation, *duplication and overcapacities, and* enhance the creativity and strength, of European industries through closer coordination of the planning of national defence budgets (potentially through the setting-up of a 'European Semester' for defence issues) and closer coordination at the industry level (harmonisation of standards and certification of defence equipment);

Or. en

Amendment 7
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Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

B7-0560/2013

Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19a. Calls on the Member States to strengthen the implementation of the 'Defence Package' as proposed in the Commission communication entitled 'Towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector' (COM(2013)0542), and to work together towards the gradual phasing-out of offset requirements; calls on the Member States to use the upcoming review of the Directive on Defence Procurement (2009/81/EC) also to address government-to-government sales;

Or. en

Amendment 8
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D, ALDE

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Preparations for the European Council meeting (19-20 December 2013)

Motion for a resolution Paragraph 19 b (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

19b. Calls on the Member States significantly to deepen their cooperation and coordination on those aspects of defence which are relevant for an effective CSDP; calls on the Member States to be much more ambitious regarding the pooling and sharing process;

Or. en