

ORAL QUESTION H-0091/03
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to the Council

Subject: Confidence in the CFSP

The object of the common foreign and security policy is that the EU should act resolutely as one in the international arena to promote peace and security in Europe and the outside world. The Member States' conduct in the Iraq conflict has been the opposite; it has followed national interests and damaged the credibility of the EU's foreign policy and the CFSP. Unfortunately, the Presidency has contributed to the disunity by unilaterally adopting the Franco-German line.

It is the Presidency's responsibility to try to find compromises and common solutions to promote a united EU stance on various issues. The Danish Presidency showed great skill in this area. The disagreement over the Iraq conflict has not least been a factor in reducing confidence in the EU in the applicant countries.

What initiatives does the Greek Presidency intend to take to avoid a recurrence of a similar situation in foreign policy in the future?

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