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**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Creation of a European civil peace corps

Parliament has always supported civil crisis management (CCM) as a key pillar of the common security and defence policy (CSDP). In 2001, it reiterated the need to establish a European civil peace corps (ECPC) with the objective of coordinating at EU level the training and deployment of civilian specialists to implement practical measures for peace, such as arbitration, mediation, mitigation of post-trauma effects, confidence-building among belligerents, humanitarian aid, education and human rights monitoring.

The adoption of the Civilian CSDP Compact in 2018 was therefore a significant step. The EU is currently conducting 12 civilian missions, and has already completed 12 such missions, indicating that demand has increased in recent years.

In the light of Parliament's resolution of 18 April 2023 on the implementation of civilian CSDP and other EU civilian security assistance, and in view of Council's adoption of a new Civilian CSDP Compact in May or June 2023:

1. Does the VP/HR believe it would be appropriate to initiate an ECPC project combining the experience of civilian missions with the activities of NGOs in the field, thus increasing the EU's effectiveness in CCM?
2. Does the VP/HR think that a CPCE would boost the EU's image as a peace actor at global level?

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