

## **10. Towards a European Security and Defence Policy; European Councils 1999-2000**

### **JANUARY - JUNE 1999: EU GERMAN PRESIDENCY**

Cologne European Council - 3-4 June 1999:

#### **Texts of the Declaration on strengthening the Common European Policy on Security and Defence and of the Presidency Report**

##### **Extracts:**

“We, the members of the European Council, are resolved that the European Union shall play its full role on the international stage. To that end, we intend to give the European Union the necessary means and capabilities to assume its responsibilities regarding a common European policy on security and defence”. (...)

“We are now determined to launch a new step in the construction of the European Union. To this end we task the General Affairs Council to prepare the conditions and the measures necessary to achieve these objectives, including the definition of the modalities for the inclusion of those functions of the WEU which will be necessary for the EU to fulfil its new responsibilities in the area of the Petersberg tasks. In this regard, our aim is to take the necessary decisions by the end of the year 2000. In that event, the WEU as an organisation would have completed its purpose. The different status of Member States with regard to collective defence guarantees will not be affected. The Alliance remains the foundation of the collective defence of its Member States”...

### **JULY - DECEMBER 1999: EU FINNISH PRESIDENCY Helsinki European Council - 10 - 11 December 1999:**

#### **Annex IV**

##### **Extracts:**

“To assume their responsibilities across the full range of conflict prevention and crisis management tasks defined in the EU Treaty, the Petersberg tasks, the Member States have decided to develop more effective military capabilities and establish new political and military structures for these tasks. In this connection, the objective is for the Union to have an autonomous capacity to take decisions and, where NATO as a whole is not engaged, to launch and then to conduct EU-led military operations in response to international crises”. (...)

“The Secretary General/High Representative (SG/HR), in assisting the Council, has a key contribution to make to the efficiency and consistency of the CFSP and the development of the common security and defence policy. In conformity with the EU Treaty, the SG/HR will contribute to the formulation, preparation and implementation of policy decisions. In the interim period, the SG/HR, Secretary General of the WEU, should make full use of WEU assets for the purpose of advising the Council under Article 17 of the EU Treaty”. ...

**JANUARY - JUNE 2000: EU PORTUGUESE PRESIDENCY**  
Santa Maria de Feira European Council - 19 - 20 June 2000

**Annex 1**

**Extracts:**

“A first progress report, reflecting the work carried forward by the Presidency, together with the Secretary-General/High Representative, within the General Affairs Council was presented to the Lisbon European Council. The European Council of Lisbon welcomed the progress already achieved and in particular the fact that the interim bodies had been established and had started to function effectively and that the Council had identified a process for elaborating the headline goal and identifying national contributions so as to meet the military capability target”. (...) “Since then, work has been carried forward on all aspects of military and non-military crisis management and substantive progress has been made, in particular with the identification of appropriate arrangements for the participation of third countries to EU military crisis management, as well as of principles and modalities for developing EU-NATO relations. The headline goal has been further elaborated; a committee for civilian aspects of crisis management has been set up; a coordinating mechanism, fully interacting with the Commission services, has been established at the Council Secretariat; the study to define concrete targets in the area of civilian aspects of crisis management has been concluded; concrete targets for civilian police have been identified”....

**JULY - DECEMBER 2000: EU FRENCH PRESIDENCY** Nice European Council: 7 - 9  
December 2000

At the Feira European Council, the French Presidency has been invited, together with the Secretary General/High Representative, to carry work forward within the General Affairs Council on strengthening the Common European Security and Defence Policy.

The French Presidency will to report to the European Council in Nice on:

- The elaboration of the headline goal;
  - The establishment of the permanent political and military structures to be put in place as soon as possible after the Nice European Council;
  - The inclusion in the EU of the appropriate functions of the WEU in the field of the Petersberg tasks;
  - The implementation of the Feira decisions on third countries and EU-NATO relation;
  - The development and the implementation of EU capabilities in civilian aspects of crisis management, including the definition of concrete targets.
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