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MINUTES

Meeting of 18 February 2025, 09.00-12.45 and 14.15-18.30

BRUSSELS

The meeting opened on Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 9.00, with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding.

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted in the form shown in these minutes.

2. Chair's announcements

The Chair made a statement in reaction to discussions between Russia and the United States of America on the future of Ukraine, calling for European unity and urgency to support Ukraine and to defend European security.

3. Chair's announcements concerning coordinators' decisions of 28 January 2025

The decisions of the SEDE Coordinators meeting of 28 January 2025 have been uploaded on the SEDE Intranet and are attached to the minutes of this meeting.

4. Adoption of minutes

- 27-28 January 2025

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The minutes were adopted.

*** *In camera* ***

5. In preparation of the SEDE mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Exchange of views on EUFOR Althea and the security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina with

- **Cosmin Dobran, Director for Peace, Partnership and Crisis Management, EEAS**
- **Lieutenant General Hubert Cottereau, EU Operation Commander (OpCdr) of EUFOR Althea**

Speakers: Cosmin Dobran (Director for Peace, Partnership and Crisis Management, EEAS), Lieutenant General Hubert Cottereau (EU Operation Commander (OpCdr) of EUFOR Althea), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Tonino Picula, Nathalie Loiseau, Mārtiņš Staķis, Merja Kyllönen, Željana Zovko, Andrey Novakov, Matej Tonin.

6. Coordinators' meeting

This item was cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 and resumed at 11.15 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding.

Hearing

7. Hybrid War: protection of undersea cables in the Baltic Sea

Speakers: Christian Bueger (Professor at University of Copenhagen and Research Fellow at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)), Sophia Besch (Senior Fellow, Europe Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), Alexander Lott (Researcher at the Norwegian Centre for the Law of the Sea at the University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Tobias Cremer, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Reinis Pozņaks, Petras Auštrevičius, Villy Søvndal, Marina Mesure, Pekka Toveri, Hélder Sousa Silva, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Hannah Neumann.

The meeting adjourned at 12.48 and resumed at 14.17 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding.

8. The European Investment Bank's role in strengthening Europe's defence capabilities

Exchange of views with Robert de Groot, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

Speakers: Robert de Groot (Vice-President of the European Investment Bank), Christophe Gomart, Tobias Cremer, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Reinis Pozņaks, Nathalie Loiseau, Mārtiņš Staķis, Janusz Lewandowski, Francisco Assis, Niclas Herbst, Riho Terras, Alberico Gambino, Petras Auštrevičius, Angelika Niebler, Christophe Grudler, Andrey Novakov, Marta Wcisło, Hélder Sousa Silva, Nicolás Pascual de la Parte.

*** *In camera* ***

9. Towards full operational role: the EU's Rapid Deployment Capacity

Exchange of views with General Michiel van der Laan, Director-General of European Union Military Staff and Director of Military Planning and Conduct Capability, EEAS to inform the Committee on the level of preparedness of the overall structure

Speakers: General Michiel van der Laan (Director-General of European Union Military Staff and Director of Military Planning and Conduct Capability, EEAS), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Reinis Pozņaks, Nathalie Loiseau, Reinier Van Lanschot, Christophe Gomart, Marta Wcisło, Matej Tonin.

*** *End of in camera* ***

The meeting adjourned at 16.00 and resumed at 16.34 with Christophe Gomart (1st Vice-Chair) presiding.

Jointly with the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

10. Exchange of views with Marcos Perestrello, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Speakers: Marcos Perestrello (President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly), dSalvatore De Meo, Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Costas Mavrides, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Alexandr Vondra, Mārtiņš Staķis, Željana Zovko, Rasa Juknevičienė, Villy Søvndal.

The meeting adjourned at 17.26 and resumed at 17.32 with Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann (Chair) presiding.

*** *In camera* ***

11. Debrief on the SEDE visit to CSDP Missions EUPOL COPPS and EUBAM Rafah, in Israel and in Palestine from 5 to 8 February 2025 with Stefano Tomat, Managing Director Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability and Civilian

Operations Commander, EEAS

Speakers: Stefano Tomat (Managing Director Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability and Civilian Operations Commander, EEAS), Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Tineke Strik.

***** End of in camera *****

12. Any other business

13. Date of next meeting

- 19 March 2025, 9.00 – 12.30 and 14.30 – 18.30 (Brussels)
- 20 March 2025, 9.00 – 12.30 (Brussels)

The meeting closed at 18.00.

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<p>SEDE: Petras Auštrevičius, Wouter Beke, Tobias Cremer, Elio Di Rupo, Elena Donazzan, Niclas Herbst, Merja Kyllönen, Nathalie Loiseau, Costas Mavrides, Vangelis Meimarakis, Ana Catarina Mendes, Sven Mikser, Hannah Neumann, Andrey Novakov, Nicolás Pascual de la Parte, Jaroslava Pokorná Jermanová, Reinis Pozņaks, Mārtiņš Staķis, Sebastiaan Stöteler, Pierre-Romain Thionnet, Pekka Toveri, Reinier Van Lanschot, Alexandr Vondra, Marjan Šarec DNAT: Vasile Dîncu, David McAllister</p>
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EIB

Robert de Groot (Vice-President of the European Investment Bank).

EEAS

General Michiel van der Laan (Director-General of European Union Military Staff and Director of Military Planning and Conduct Capability, EEAS), Stefano Tomat (Managing Director Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability and Civilian Operations Commander, EEAS).

NATO PA

Marcos Perestrello (President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly).

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COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE

COORDINATORS' MEETING

Tuesday 28 January 2025, 11.30 – 12.30
Brussels, Room: SPINELLI (1G-3)

RECORD OF DECISIONS

1. Adoption of agenda

2. Chair's announcements

2.1 Proposal for in-depth briefings at the European Defence Agency

SEDE Coordinators endorsed the European Defence Agency's proposal to host SEDE for a half-day of in-depth briefings on 17 February 2025 at the EDA premises. They agreed that the Secretariat should circulate a draft agenda and set a deadline for MEPs to confirm their participation in the briefings at the EDA.

3. DECISIONS

3.1 SEDE Working methods

Coordinators adopted the SEDE Working Methods. They also decided to further amend the Working Methods based on the experience of the upgraded SEDE Committee (including on establishing Standing Rapporteurs etc..).

3.2 Re-endorsement previous decisions

Coordinators re-endorsed all decisions made under the SEDE Subcommittee's mandate.

3.3 Calendar of SEDE Coordinators' meetings

Coordinators approved the 2025 calendar of SEDE Coordinators' meetings

3.4 White Paper on the Future of European Defence

Coordinators approved the proposal to withdraw the SEDE request for a Recommendation. Nevertheless, the Groups will continue working with the Renew Coordinator to prepare a Resolution to be tabled directly in plenary.

3.5 European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP')

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Coordinators decided that the Regulation on the European Defence Industry Programme and the framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP') should be referred exclusively to the SEDE Committee as lead-Committee, in accordance with the new Annex VI of the Rules of Procedure. As EDIP falls under the category of 3.2 "Re-endorsement of previous decisions", SEDE Chair should consult with AFET and then prepare a request for re-attribution to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs.

3.6 New own-initiative reports (INIs)

The SEDE coordinators decide to request authorisation to draw up the following INIs:

- Flagship projects of common interest for European defence, to be allocated to S&D (3 Points)
- Military Mobility, to be allocated to Renew(3 Points)
- EU Strategic Defence and Security Partnerships with the third countries, to be allocated to EPP (3 Points)
- Financial options for the future of European defence, to be allocated to EPP (3 Points)
- Drones and new systems of warfare: The EU's need to adapt to be fit for today's security challenges, to be allocated to ECR (3 Points)
- Tackling barriers to the single market for defence, to be allocated to S&D (3 Points)

The Groups will send to the Secretariat one paragraph explaining the scope of each INI, in order to prepare the request to be submitted for competence clearance by the CCC.

In addition, Coordinators expressed their interest in drafting an Opinion on the BUDG INI on 'A Revamped Long-Term Budget for the Union in a Changing World.' As the budgetary procedure is already underway, exceptionally SEDE's contribution should be drafted in the form of a letter on behalf of the Chair.

3.7 Public Hearings

The EPP Group requested a hearing aimed at supporting Ukraine, with a focus on fostering sustainable peace and reinforcing the principle of "Peace through Strength."

Coordinators decided to support this initiative, such as to invite Kaja KALLAS and/or Andrius KUBILIUS in the framework of a joint meeting with AFET.

In addition, Coordinators decided to organise a Hearing on the follow-up to the White Paper and Ukraine. They will return to this issue once the Plenary Resolution on the White Paper on the Future of European Defence has been adopted.

3.8 ECA Work programme 2026

Coordinators are invited to submitting topics for the 2026 ECA Work Programme to the Secretariat by Friday 7 February 2025.

3.9 SEDE representative for the Petition Network

Coordinators decided to appoint a SEDE representative and his/her substitute for the Petition Network at the next SEDE Coordinators meeting in order to reflect the new composition of SEDE.

3.10 Appointment of a representative for the Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) Network

Coordinators postponed the decision at the next SEDE Coordinators meeting in order to reflect the new composition of SEDE.

4. Items for information

4.1. Petitions

1121/2024

Petition No 1121/2024 by Davor Pleadin (Croatian) on the EU relationship with NATO (Annex 6)

Decision: To acknowledge the receipt of this petition but not to follow up on it with any specific action, as the scope of the request and the political position of SEDE in relation to NATO and key partners like the US and UK are covered in the Annual Report on the Implementation of the Commons Security and Defence Policy.

5. Any other business

S&D Coordinator proposed that the Secretariat should prepare a list of events for collective participation by the Coordinators, such as the Munich Security Conference, GLOBSEC Forum, Yalta European Strategy etc..

6. Next meeting

TBC

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