

1. Name

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2. Organisation

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3. Type of Organisation

Member of Public

Political comment

6. What subject area of the Foreign Policy Report does your evidence relate to?

Security and Defence

7. What are the comparative advantages/disadvantages of working through the EU in the area you wish to comment on, rather than the UK working independently?

Relations with America/NATO

8. In what areas of global affairs does the EU add value or deliver impact or not on behalf of the UK?

Whilst there is scope for EU military groupings to make important impact in humanitarian terms, this is poorly framed. Having discussed historical coordination efforts with various military intelligence and army officers, it is clear that infant international forces (UN, EU battle groups) are unwieldy and uncoordinated. Moreover, their existence begins to send a message to America that they are no longer needed to support NATO's backbone, a serious error. With America's 'strategic redeployment' towards the Pacific, it would be dangerous to drive American military cooperation any further away.

9. How effective is the EU at combining its foreign, defence, economic and civil contingency policy instruments to deliver best effect in foreign policy? What, if anything, should it do differently?

See above

10. How effective are the EU's delivery mechanisms? Would any changes make them more effective, and if so, which ones and why?

No Response

11. Would a different division of EU and Member State competence in a particular area produce more effective policies? If so, how and why?

Yes, see above. Moreover, de facto only Britain and France have the military power and commitment to deploy significant troops, something they are demonstrably already able to do in concert without EU supervision.

12. How might the national interest be served by action being taken in this field at a different level e.g. regional, national, UN, NATO, OECD, G20 – either in addition or as an alternative to action at EU level?

No Response

13. What future challenge/opportunities might we face in this area of policy and what impact might these have on the balance of competence between the UK and the EU?

No Response

14. Are there any general points you wish to make which are not captured above?

No Response