

## **EuroDefense-Belgium Comments on the EuroDefense-United Kingdom Comments.**

We do not think that an academic discussion on “ ... when it is right to deploy that (military) capability ...” will result in specific useful conclusions but that this “deploying” has to be investigated on a case by case basis and that the European Union should give itself collectively the instruments to allow for such a timely investigation.

Also a “transfer of responsibility” may be seen by some as resulting in a reduction of “national effectiveness” but not a reduction of “collective effectiveness”; “transfer of responsibility” is aiming at a greater efficiency in a European framework.

And finally: Europe will never be a leader in NATO if it doesn't manage to put its own act together ... together.