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MOTION on parliamentary scrutiny of the Common Security and Defence Policy

The EURODEFENSE network notes the decision by governments to close down the Western European Union Assembly by 30 June 2011 and regrets that no interparliamentary assembly has yet been set up within the European Union dealing with the Union's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

The governments need the support of national parliaments, whose members have a responsibility to inform the public about what the European Union is really doing to take foreign, security and defence policy forward. The involvement of national parliamentarians in the CSDP debate at an interparliamentary level is crucial for the further development of Europe's Common Security and Defence Policy.

The Lisbon Treaty calls for greater involvement of national parliaments in the European Union. Article 12.f states that "National Parliaments contribute actively to the good functioning of the Union". Protocol n° 1 on the role of national parliaments in the EU offers new possibilities for interparliamentary dialogue among the national parliaments and between them and the European Parliament.

EURODEFENSE recommends that the European Union establishes a Standing interparliamentary Conference on CSDP based on Protocol n°1 of the Lisbon Treaty and composed of national parliaments and European Parliament members.

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