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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to Amsterdam and to the Netherlands EU Presidency Seminar “The Parliamentary Dimension of Defence Cooperation”.

Anticipating the new EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy and the need for a concrete follow-up, the Netherlands Presidency aims to start a discussion on the strategy’s implications for the EU’s Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) with a focus on deepening defence cooperation. An often forgotten dimension in this regard is the role of parliaments.

Parliamentary support is vital to achieve a stronger CSDP and deeper defence cooperation. It is therefore important to discuss this relatively neglected aspect of European defence. It is with this aim in mind that the Netherlands Ministry of Defence and the Clingendael Institute are organising this seminar.

This Netherlands EU Presidency seminar will focus on the involvement of national parliaments and the European Parliament in the EU’s security and defence policies. The aim of this seminar is to obtain a better understanding of the role of parliaments in strengthening CSDP and defence cooperation. In addition, the seminar will address parliamentary decision-making on the deployment of rapid reaction forces, but also broader political-strategic parliamentary commitment in relation to the Global Strategy process.

The seminar is to deliver concrete recommendations and ideas on how to move forward on parliamentary involvement, also for the benefit of the Interparliamentary Conference (IPC) on CFSP/CSDP on 6-8 April 2016 in The Hague. The results of this seminar will also be taken into account during the final Netherlands EU Presidency Seminar on June 10.

This seminar brings together members of national parliaments and the European Parliament, representatives from EU member states’ Ministries of Defence and Foreign Affairs, as well as high-level representatives from EU institutions, representations and selected think tanks and universities. We wish you a pleasant stay in Amsterdam and we are very much looking forward to the valuable contributions of speakers and participants.

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert  Ko Colijn
Netherlands Minister of Defence  General Director Clingendael Institute
Seminar Programme

Monday 14 March

Maas 14.00 Registration and coffee/tea

Rijn 15.00 Opening by the seminar chair, Angelien Eijsink, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Netherlands House of Representatives

15.15 Session 1 - The Global Strategy, CSDP and the Parliamentary Dimension

- Alfredo Conte, Head Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service
- Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, Professor Leiden University, Chair of the Netherlands Advisory Council on International Affairs
- Guy Verhofstadt, MEP, former Prime Minister of Belgium
- Jolyon Howorth, Professor University of Bath, Yale University

Interview on the key challenges and potential for parliamentary involvement in the Global Strategy and CSDP, led by Jacki Davis

16.45 Closure by the seminar chair

20.00 Dinner at West-Indisch Huis

The proceedings will take place under the Chatham House Rule to stimulate open and frank discussions.
Tuesday 15 March

Rijn 09.30 Opening by the seminar chair, Angelien Eijsink

09.35 Session 2 - Deepening Defence Cooperation, Strengthening Parliamentary Involvement?

Moderator: Constanze Stelzenmüller, Robert Bosch Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

- Brig. Gen. (ret.) Jo Coelmont, Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont Institute
- Arnaud Danjean, MEP former Chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)
- Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of the German Bundestag
- Fred Teeven, Member of the Netherlands House of Representatives

Maas 11.00 Break

Rijn 11.30 Session 3 - Parliamentary Decision-Making and Rapid Deployment

Moderator: Constanze Stelzenmüller, Robert Bosch Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

- Walter Kolbow, Deputy Chair of the German Committee on Deployment of the Bundeswehr
- Ana Gomes, MEP, Member of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE)
- Thierry Tardy, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies
- Maj. Gen. Martin Wijnen, Deputy Commander Royal Netherlands Army

13.00 Wrapping up and closure by the seminar chair

Moezel 13.10 Farewell lunch buffet

14.30 End of seminar

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Angelien Eijsink, chair of the seminar
Angelien Eijsink has been a member of the Netherlands House of Representatives since 2003, where she is the spokesperson for Defence for the Labour Party (PvdA). Ms Eijsink is the chair of the Netherlands standing committee on Foreign Affairs and since November 2014 vice-chair of the Netherlands delegation of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, she held several positions at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Jacki Davis, moderator session 1
Jacki Davis is a leading commentator and analyst on European Union affairs. She is an experienced journalist, speaker and moderator, editor, broadcaster, and a member of the Governing Board of the European Policy Centre think tank. Ms Davis has been based in Brussels for over 20 years, and previously held positions at the European Policy Centre, E!Sharp, and European Voice.

Constanze Stelzenmüller, moderator session 2 and 3
Constanze Stelzenmüller is the inaugural Robert Bosch senior fellow at the Centre on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution. Ms Stelzenmüller is an expert on German, European and transatlantic foreign and security policy and strategy. Previously, she was a senior transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and the director of the GMF’s Berlin office.
Session 1
The Global Strategy, CSDP and the Parliamentary Dimension

Topics for discussion
The Global Strategy and its implications for CSDP and the parliamentary dimension; the role of parliaments in defence cooperation, capability generation, troop readiness, the deployment of CSDP operations and missions and the use of EU Battlegroups

Alfredo Conte
Alfredo Conte is Head of the Strategic Planning Division in the European External Action Service. Mr Conte entered the Italian diplomatic service in 1993 and has held postings in Hong Kong and Berlin. He worked in the Cabinet of the Minister for several foreign ministers before being seconded to the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union as Senior Advisor to the Director of Policy.

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer
Jaap de Hoop Scheffer is a professor of international politics and diplomacy at Leiden University and chair of the Netherlands Advisory Council on International Affairs. Mr de Hoop Scheffer was NATO Secretary General from 2004 to 2009. Prior to this, he was Minister for Foreign Affairs, Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and he has had a long career in Dutch politics as a member of the Netherlands House of Representatives.
Guy Verhofstadt
Guy Verhofstadt has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009, where he is the leader of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). Prior to this, Mr Verhofstadt served as Prime Minister of Belgium from 1999 to 2008 and has held a variety of positions in Belgian politics. Mr Verhofstadt has written a number of books on Europe, of which The Disease of Europe (and the Rediscovery of the Ideal) is his most recent contribution.

Jolyon Howorth
Jolyon Howorth is Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics ad personam and Emeritus Professor of European Studies at the University of Bath. He has been a visiting professor of political science at Yale since 2002. Mr Howorth is a leading scholar in the field of European politics and history, especially in the field of security and defence policy and transatlantic relations.
Session 2

Deepening Defence Cooperation, Strengthening Parliamentary Involvement?

Topics for discussion
Role of parliaments in defence cooperation; role of parliaments in peer pressure, less voluntarism and other tools; the role of the EP/SEDE and national parliaments; multi-annual defence agreements

Jo Coelmont
Brig. Gen. (ret.) Jo Coelmont is Senior Associate Fellow at the Belgium Royal Institute for International Relations Egmont and Senior Fellow at the Belgium Royal Higher Institute for Defence. He was the Belgian Permanent Representative to the EU Military Committee (EUMC) and military advisor to the Belgian Ambassador to the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of the European Union from 2002-2007.

Arnaud Danjean
Arnaud Danjean is a French member of the European Parliament and the former Chair of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence (SEDE). He is the Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, Mr Danjean has held several positions at the French Ministry of Defence and has been advisor to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Roderich Kiesewetter
Roderich Kiesewetter has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2009. Mr Kiesewetter is currently serving as the spokesperson of the foreign affairs committee and is deputy Head of the German delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference for CFSP/CDSP. His professional and military career involved various command and staff positions, including at the EU Council in Brussels, NATO HQ in Brussels and Mons, at the German Federal Ministry of Defence and several operations abroad.

Fred Teeven
Fred Teeven is a Member of the Netherlands House of Representatives for the VVD (People’s Party for Freedom and Democracy). He is the Deputy Chair of the Netherlands Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the Defence Committee. Mr Teeven served as State Secretary for Security and Justice from 2010 until 2015. Prior to this, Mr Teeven was a public prosecutor and a tax inspector.
Session 3
Parliamentary Decision-Making and Rapid Deployment

Topics for discussion
Increasing awareness; trust-building mechanisms; parliamentary involvement in the political preparatory phase; network of Standing Committees; pre-delegation of consent; lessons learned from defence cooperation

Walter Kolbow
Walter Kolbow was the Deputy Chair of the Commission on the Review and Safeguarding of Parliamentary Rights regarding Mandates for Bundeswehr Missions Abroad (Rühe Commission), which published their final report in June 2015. Previously, he served as Parliamentary State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Defence. Mr Kolbow has been a member of the German Parliament and of the Defence Committee for 29 years, where he served as the spokesman of the Social Democratic Party (SPD).

Ana Gomes
Ana Gomes is a Member of the European Parliament since 2004. Working as a diplomat since 1980, Ana Gomes suspended her career to enter party politics in 2003. In the European Parliament, and as a member of the Subcommittee of Security and Defence and member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs her main areas of activity are human rights, security and defence, international relations, gender issues and development.
Thierry Tardy
Thierry Tardy is Senior Analyst at the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS). Previously he was Senior Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Mr Tardy has published extensively on military and civilian crisis management with a particular focus on the United Nations and the European Union, inter-institutional cooperation in security governance and the EU Common Security and Defence Policy.

Martin Wijnen
Major General Martin Wijnen is the Deputy Commander of the Royal Netherlands Army. Prior to this he was Commander of the 43 Mechanised Brigade and has held several operational and staff positions with the Netherlands Ministry of Defence. Previously, Maj. Gen. Wijnen was seconded to the Netherlands National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism.
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About Clingendael

The Netherlands' Institute for International Relations ‘Clingendael’ is a think tank and international diplomatic academy with a focus on trends and developments in international relations and their implications for policy-making and professional practice.

Engaged in worldwide research, training and consultancy activities, the Clingendael Institute provides a platform for policy reflection and discussion among governments, international organisations, civil society and the private sector, as well as a place to pursue professional training. Clingendael is an independent institute and not affiliated with any political, social, or religious movement.

One of Clingendael’s primary objectives is to enhance the debate on international affairs. As a non-aligned platform, the Institute serves as a knowledge hub and connects all disciplines and stakeholders in the field of international relations. Based in The Hague, the Netherlands, seat of parliament and international city of peace and justice, where a large number of international organisations and platforms can be found, the Institute finds itself in a unique location.

Within Clingendael two departments are responsible for the Institute’s main activities: Clingendael Research and Clingendael Academy. Within the Research Department, the Clingendael Security Unit’s main thematic focus lies on international security trend assessment, security and defence issues and counter-terrorism. The Security Unit identifies strategic trends and informs the national and international public debate on international security issues. In addition, it provides high-quality independent, custom made applied research and actionable advice on international security issues.