



RESOLUTION ON EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE

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The Federal Committee of the UEF, meeting in Brussels on 27-18 March 2010,

takes note of

the proposal of the High Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP) of the Commission on setting up the European External Action Service (EEAS) as well as the debates taking place in the Council and the European Parliament;

deeply regrets

that this proposal lacks the ambition needed to set up the EEAS as an efficient, coherent, transparent democratically accountable European diplomatic service, which is given the necessary means for conducting an active European foreign policy, in particular in the areas of conflict prevention, peace-building, civilian and military crisis management and disarmament;

recalls

the importance of the promotion and the defense of the European general interest by the European institutions and in particular by the European Commission;

is convinced that the EEAS should ensure coherence and consistency of external action, inter alia, by:

- actively involving the three members of the European Commission responsible for development, neighbourhood and humanitarian aid,
- fully integrating the Crisis Management Planning Directorate (CMPD) of the Council General Secretariat and the relevant services of the European Commission into a General Directorate for Crisis Management, Peace-Building and Conflict Prevention,
- allowing the HR/VP to exercise leadership over all directorates currently involved in external policies of the EU;
- be firmly anchored to the European Commission, under the responsibility of the HR/VP, fully respecting the spirit and the letter of the Treaties and fully accountable to the European Parliament;
- avoiding the duplication of responsibilities with the other services of the European Commission, inter alia, by establishing single desks on all geographic areas and in areas such as energy, climate change and the competition for natural resources, pandemics, illegal migration and human trafficking;
- respecting the principle of equality of all EEAS staff, irrespective of whether they are officials of an EU institution or a national diplomatic service, as well as a geographic and gender balance;

Insists

on the necessity to have a democratically accountable EEAS and therefore to give the European Parliament a role in the nomination of the EU's Special Representatives and the Heads of EU Delegations;

urges the Council

to nominate political deputies with junior ministerial status, based on Art. 33 of the EU Treaty, to represent the HR/VP in international negotiations and in dialogue with the European Parliament;

calls

on the Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament to agree all the necessary acts as soon as possible.