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Explanation of vote:

Report Roberto Gualtieri (A7-0166/2011)

Pino Arlacchi (S&D). - Mr President, the most significant document on the EU security strategy was delivered by Xavier Solana. It is entitled 'A secure Europe in a better world' and was adopted by the European Council on 12 December 2003.

Since then, little progress has been made in this field. The Union still lacks an effective strategy for its foreign security and on most relevant issues still follows the lead of the United States. This report tries to introduce some positive changes on tactical topics like crisis management, the fragmentation of the EU defence technological industrial base, and the ineffectiveness of the 24 EU security and defence missions around the world.

I voted in favour of it, and I hope this Parliament will continue to make a contribution towards the goal of enhancing EU strategic autonomy in security affairs. In particular, what we need is a redefinition of the major threats to our security after the collapse of the so-called Islamic terrorist threat and the emergence of new dangers like the financial crisis.

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