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First of all we would like to express our gratitude to the presidency for being able to distribute the draft conclusions to the Inter-parliamentary conference for the CFSP/CDSP in Luxembourg 5-6 September, so well in advance.

The draft conclusions may be described as an overall well-balanced text and the text could also be considered to be well in line with the Swedish parliament's policies. However, there are some paragraphs that might be improved by some smaller amendments. These paragraphs include;

- *Paragraph 8:* “~~Insists on~~ the importance of a concrete and efficient cooperation with the United Nations, NATO, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the African Union;”
Suggestion: Replace ~~Insists on~~ with “underlines” or ”emphasizes”
- *Paragraph 10:* “Welcomes the progress achieved in the Iran nuclear talks and calls ~~for a cautious implementation of~~ calls on all parties to implement the agreement of 14 July 2015;”
Suggestion: Replace “~~for a cautious implementation of~~” with “calls on all parties to implement”. Since the agreement has been reached the aim must be to simply *implement* the agreement.
- *Paragraph 12:* “Welcomes the ENP review process launched by the Commission in cooperation with the VP/HR; stresses that the renewed policy must be more strategic, coherent and flexible; calls to maintain the unity of the ENP, ~~in order to approach the southern and eastern neighbourhoods on an equal footing~~; stresses the importance of the southern and eastern partnerships as a central part of the ENP; reiterates the commitment to common values, including democracy, the rule of law, the protection of human rights and respect for fundamental freedoms, and gender equality; calls to differentiate the ENP in order to intensify cooperation with countries of the neighbourhood with a stronger commitment towards the EU, without, however, neglecting neighbourhood countries which have chosen a less ambitious cooperation model in line with the more-for-more principle;
Suggestion 1): The formulation “~~in order to approach the southern and eastern neighbourhoods on an equal footing~~,” is somewhat misleading and should therefore be removed. The regional dimensions of the ENP constitute important tools in fulfilling the overarching objectives of the neighbourhood policy. This fact deserves to be highlighted more clearly

in the conclusions. Therefore the suggestion is to replace “...~~in order to approach the southern and eastern neighbourhoods on an equal footing...~~” with “...stresses the importance of the southern and eastern partnerships as a central part of the ENP...”

Suggestion II): Add a reference concerning the importance of gender equality “and gender equality”.

- *Paragraph 27 -34 (add a new paragraph)*
Suggestion: Add a paragraph describing the importance of legal migration “Calls the EU to improve the possibilities to legally seek for asylum to the EU.”
- *Paragraph 44*: “Urges the Member States and the Commission to deliver on the commitments made at the European Council of 19-20 December 2013 and ~~to invest more resources in a common defence; to invest more resources in a deepened EU-cooperation~~; calls for greater solidarity among Member States in funding CSDP missions and operations;”
Suggestion: Replace “~~to invest more resources in a common defence~~” with “to invest more resources in a deepened EU-cooperation” since the Council conclusions from 2013 did not mention anything about investing more resources into a common defence.

Please do not hesitate to contact our committee secretariat if you have any questions concerning the amendments presented above.