

## **SUMMARY**

### **of the Opinion of the Chamber of Deputies on the EU's comprehensive approach to external conflict and crises - JOIN (2013) 30**

On September 9, 2014, the Chamber of Deputies adopted by decision the Opinion concerning JOIN (2013) 30, making some observations, among which:

- the technical orientations will have a reduced impact, in the absence of an adequate political orientation and the examined communication focuses upon institutional measures; it would be useful that, on the basis of the Conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council of 12 May 2014, in the near future action plan aiming at materializing the stipulations of the common communication, to formulate clear priorities which should permit its implementation starting from a strategic vision agreed upon by the EU Member States. At the same time, that would assure the unitary implementation of the proposed measures;
- the lack of political will of the Member States led to the neutralization of one of the most significant instruments which have been created within the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP), respectively the fight tactical groups, which have been operational ever since the year 2007; the European Union and the Member States should identify adequate solutions in order to permit the flexible use of these fast reaction capacities;
- In the case of the crisis situations management, a fast response mechanism should be created and therefore, the proposal of the European Parliament on setting up a response Council for crisis situations, within the European External Action Service (EEAS) must be supported; the French Government proposal to set up permanent operational premises for missions led by the European Union, must also be supported.