The European Civilian Peace Corps

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The own-initiative report by Per Gahrton (V,SE) recommending the establishment of a European Civil Peace Corps (ECPC) was adopted without debate by the European Parliament. The report recommends that the Council should conduct a feasibility study of establishing such a Corps within the framework of a stronger and more effective Common Foreign and Security Policy and, in so doing, consider the possibility of a range of practical peace-making measures. The Parliament also requests a hearing to evaluate the role played by NGOs in the peaceful resolution of conflicts and the prevention of violence in the former Yugoslavia and Caucasia. It further recommends that the Council should make minimum, flexible arrangements for reviewing, mobilising and possibly coordinating NGO and Member State resources and should instruct the Early Warning Unit to identify where the ECPC could be used. Finally, the European Parliament requests a report about the role and future perspectives and limitations of the European Community Monitoring Mission, considering the experience gained through such a body to be a possible first step on the way to establishing an ECPC.