

THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN ENSURING SECURITY OF THE MEMBER STATES

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Abstract: *The European Union needs its own strategies, which set out the objectives to be achieved and the tools and means necessary to realize them.*

The European Union must join forces and ensure unity of command in situations of security risk, allocate greater resources and better coordinate the existing ones.

The European Security Strategy sets out when, where, why and how the European Union will act. By adopting the European Security Strategy, the Union has explicitly assumed its role as a global player, able to assume global responsibilities as well.

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Introduction

Most contemporary debates speak about issues regarding the way in which the (state and non-state) actors of international relations appear and act, what is their status, as well as how their action is connected to the international political reality. The European Union wants to be a real player in international relations, through the way in which the economy and trade determine the bases of the actions that are carried out. *"The role and importance of the European Union are growing in the international diplomatic environment, given its involvement in managing the great problems of the contemporary world that concern it directly, such as achieving a climate of security and stability, the fight against international terrorism, stabilization of the close neighborhood, North-South relations and finally, sometimes controversial relationship to the common foreign and security policy, as well as the general European defense policy".¹*

The commitment of the European Union is manifested in the conditions of sharpening and radicalization of changes in the international

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¹ Dumitru Matei, “Strategia de securitate SOLANA - răspunsul UE la noile riscuri și provocări din mediul internațional”, *Gândirea Militară Românească* nr. 2/2005.