



Position paper on Strengthening Global Cooperation on UAP

Introduction:

UAP Coalition Netherlands, an independent non-profit NGO, represents aviation, armed forces, and law enforcement professionals who have encountered Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP). Their mission is to [promote](#) awareness, research, and improved regulations for UAP.

Background:

Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) is anything in space and air, on land, and in the sea that cannot be identified. UAP, observed across these various domains, present significant [security](#) challenges. The United States, Russia, and China have acknowledged these [risks](#) and have taken proactive measures. The U.S. established the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office ([AARO](#)), the US Joint Chiefs of Staff developed [guidelines](#) for the armed forces and [NASA](#) appointed a UAP research director. [China](#) leverages artificial intelligence to analyze UAP data, while [Russia](#) also actively researches UAP phenomena.

UAP: A Global Issue

UAP have been observed across the world, raising questions about their origin, nature, and potential threat. Sightings have increasingly been documented by credible sources, including military personnel and national aviation bodies. Given the scope of UAP sightings and their potential implications for global (aerospace) security, it is clear that no single country or region can fully address this issue in isolation. This underscores the need for coordinated international efforts, with the European Union playing a leading role.

EU Leadership on UAP Cooperation

Global Issue, Global Response

UAP transcend national borders and cannot be adequately addressed by individual states. The EU, representing a diverse and influential group of nations, is well-positioned to lead international efforts in understanding and addressing UAP. The AFET Committee can initiate diplomatic dialogues that engage key international organizations, including NATO, the United Nations, and strategic global partners, in a cooperative framework for UAP understanding.

Actionable Recommendation

The AFET Committee should encourage the European External Action Service (EEAS) to facilitate the establishment of an international working group on UAP. This group should focus on dialogue, data-sharing protocols, security risk assessments, and joint research initiatives.



Strengthening Diplomatic Channels

By fostering cooperation on UAP, the EU can enhance its diplomatic relationships with key global powers. In particular, collaborating with the United States, Japan, Canada, and other strategic allies on UAP could strengthen transatlantic and global partnerships. Such cooperation would not only address the UAP issue but also build trust and pave the way for collaboration on other critical security and aerospace matters.

Actionable Recommendation

AFET should promote the creation of bilateral and multilateral agreements with NATO and non-EU allies focused on (aerospace) security and joint UAP research. This can be done through existing diplomatic forums and high-level ministerial meetings.

Preventing Geopolitical Misunderstandings

In the absence of clarity, UAP have the potential to exacerbate tensions between rival states, particularly in areas of geopolitical sensitivity. For example, UAP could be misinterpreted as new military technologies, leading to unnecessary escalation or even conflict. Establishing an international framework for UAP transparency can mitigate these risks by creating shared protocols for investigation and information exchange.

Actionable Recommendation

AFET should work to develop an international code of conduct or agreement regarding the investigation of UAP. This framework should include principles for the peaceful sharing of information and investigation protocols, reducing the risk of misinterpretation and conflict between states.

Why AFET Should Lead this Initiative

AFET plays a central role in shaping the European Union's foreign policy, and its actions directly influence the EU's global diplomatic and security posture. UAP, while not traditionally within the realm of conventional foreign affairs, present a unique challenge that intersects with security, defense, scientific research, and international cooperation. By taking the lead on this issue, AFET can ensure that the EU remains at the forefront of emerging global security discussions.

Moreover, AFET's involvement will signal to the international community that the EU is committed to transparency and collaborative problem-solving, particularly in areas that could impact global peace and stability. This leadership will also bolster the EU's reputation as a proactive actor in global governance and crisis prevention.



Conclusion

UAP Coalition Netherlands requests the AFET Committee to implement the UAP issue as part of its broader foreign policy and security agenda. By fostering international cooperation, enhancing diplomatic channels, and creating a transparent framework for UAP research and governance, the EU can lead global efforts to address this issue. Such actions will not only protect European security but also promote international peace, trust, and collaboration in aerospace governance.

We look forward to the Committee's engagement on this important topic and are ready to provide further information and collaboration to support these initiatives.

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