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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Interview Topic Lists

Interview Topic List I

Research Project:

The EU's military operations: have they changed the character of the EU's foreign policy?

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Short Summary:

In this PhD project I examine how the deployment of military operations has affected the EU's role in world politics. The EU's foreign policy is often characterized as being "normative": diffusing fundamental values by means of being a positive example. This stands in strong contrast with the more power-oriented world politics of a superpower like the US. However, since 2003 the EU conducts military operations. The central research question of my research is whether the use of military means has led the EU to adopt a more power-oriented attitude at the stage of international politics, or whether military means have rather been used to reinforce the diffusion of normative ideals.

This topic list serves to provide an indication of the topics to be addressed. Depending on the nature of the interviewee and the conversation, some topics may get more attention than others.

A. The character of EU foreign policy

1. What are the key objectives pursued by the EU?
2. What role do military capabilities play?
3. Have the military mission's changed the character of the EU's foreign policy over the last decade?

B. The role of EU military operations

1. How would you characterize the EU's military operations?
2. What is the relationship between EU military operations and other foreign policy instruments?
3. Could you rank the nine military operations in terms of:
 - a. Their military character
 - b. Their relation with the EU's other foreign policy instruments

C. The position of the EEAS in EU foreign policy

1. What means does it have at its disposal to
 - a. Get a military operation to be launched or not
 - b. Shape the character of the military operation
 - c. Link a military operation to other policy instruments

D. Specific EU objectives with regard to the Western Balkans

1. Did the objectives of the EU in relation to the Western Balkans change in the period from 1993 until now?
2. What were the main reasons for military intervention?
 - a. In FYR Macedonia (2003)
 - b. In Bosnia-Herzegovina (>2004)
3. Did the EU what it had to do?

E. Specific EU objectives with regard to Africa

1. Did the objectives of the EU in relation to Africa change in the period from 1993 until now?
2. What were the main reasons for military intervention?
 - a. In Congo (2003 & 2006)
 - b. In Chad (2008/2009)
 - c. In Somalia (>2010)
 - d. In Mali (>2013)
3. Did the EU what it had to do?

Interview Topic List II

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A. Position of COUNTRY/INSTITUTION

1. How would you describe the position of COUNTRY/INSTITUTION vis-à-vis the EU's military operations?
2. Did the position of COUNTRY/INSTITUTION change since the start of CSDP (2003)?
3. During the period that you have been involved in the decision-making on EU military operations, what have been the most decisive changes?

B. EU military operations

1. How would you describe/characterize
 - a. EUFOR Althea
 - b. EUNAVFOR Atalanta
 - c. EUTM Mali
2. Have these operations changed since they were launched?
3. Which (groups of) actors have been driving/constraining the launch & implementation of these military operations?

C. Coalitions in decision-making of EU military operations

1. Who do you contact when it comes to the launching & implementation of EU military operations?
 - a. Do they have similar views?
 - b. Are you approached by other actors?
2. Do you know of "groups" of actors that cooperate to attain a common goal when it comes to the launching & implementation of EU military operations, if so, could you describe their views and mode of cooperation?
3. In what ways did those "coalitions" influence the launch & character of the military operations?
 - a. Which coalition has been most influential – why?
 - b. Has this influence changed in the last 10 years?
 - c. Does the influence of (groups of) actors differ depending on the specific military operation that is discussed?

Interview Topic List III

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A. Position of COUNTRY/INSTITUTION

1. How would you describe the position of ** towards the EU's military operations?
2. Did the position of ** change since the start of CSDP (2003)?
3. During the period that you have been involved with the decision-making on EU military operations, what have been the most notable changes?

B. EU military operations

1. How would you describe/characterize
 - a. EUNAVFOR Atalanta
 - b. Operation Sophia
2. Have these operations changed since they were launched?
3. Which (groups of) actors have been driving/constraining the launch & implementation of these military operations?
 - a. How do they influence the character of these operations?

Appendix 2 – Informed Consent

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| Recording | | |
|---|------------|--|
| I agree to be audio-taped | Yes | No |
| Publication & identifiability | | <i>Please indicate your preference</i> |
| <i>No anonymity</i> - I agree that you share the information just as I provided it. No details need to be changed and you may use my real name when using my data in publications & presentations | | |
| <i>Anonymity</i> - I agree that you share the information just as I provided it; however please do not use my real name. I agree that I am being referred to in the following way: | | |
| Follow up | | |
| I agree that after the interview the transcript of the interview will be send to me for commentary | Yes | No |

I have read the above information and I agree to participate in this study

Date/Place: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____