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Latest Publications

Testing the waters: Russia's use of banned chemicals in Ukraine

Annemiek Dols, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, September 2025

Despite being instrumental in negotiating the Chemical Weapons Convention, Russia is intensifying its weaponisation and use of riot control agents and industrial chemicals in Ukraine. These developments show that preventing the use and proliferation of chemical weapons remains an international concern.

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Does CFSP co-ordination foster convergence? Voting behavior on nuclear weapons at the UN General Assembly

Clara Portela, Michal Onderco, Valerio Vignoli, Contemporary Security Policy, September 2025

Although the European Union (EU) has sought to promote the approximation of the foreign policy positions of member states since it established its Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) with the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992, the impact of this intergovernmental forum has long been questioned. Recent developments putting the CFSP under strain such as the weakening transatlantic link, Russian attempts to undermine EU foreign policy unity, and the rise of Eurosceptic populist parties call for a reassessment of its convergence-fostering effect. We investigate convergence by looking at EU voting behavior on resolutions on nuclear weapons - a controversial area due to deep divisions among member states - at the United Nations General Assembly from 1979 to 2022. We show that while convergence among CFSP participants hardly increases, the level of consensus remains stable, in a departure from the theoretical expectations of mainstream accounts of EU foreign policy.

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The Tragic Irony of the E3's Snapback Move on Iran

Riccardo Alcaro, Istituto Affari Internazionali, September 2025

France, Germany and the United Kingdom – the 'E3' – have a special place in the twenty-plus-years-long dispute over Iran's nuclear programme. Back in 2003, they were the strategically foresighted initiators of the diplomatic process that eventually resulted in the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the nuclear deal between Iran and the E3 as well as China, Russia and the United States (plus the EU). In 2025, with their decision to activate the procedure to re-adopt UN sanctions, the E3 risk putting the last nail in the coffin of nuclear diplomacy with Iran.

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EU News

EU Statement – Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the unprovoked violation of the EU's airspace by Russia

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Network News

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium Holds 14th Consultative Meetings

On September 16 and 19, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS) hosted the 14th Consultative Meetings of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium, bringing together experts and stakeholders for in-depth discussions on arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation. The meetings explored current trends in global arms markets, the militarisation of dual-use and uncontrolled items, the military applications of emerging technologies, as well as issues related to missile defense, strategic risk reduction, space security, and escalating security tensions in South Asia. Opening remarks were delivered by EU Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Ambassador Stephan Klement.

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The VCDNP kicked off the 5th edition of the Young Women in Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Mentorship Programme

In partnership with the EUNPDC and with the support of the European Union, the VCDNP is proud to welcome a new cohort of talented and driven young women to the programme. This initiative offers unique opportunities for skills development, knowledge sharing, and meaningful networking with experts and peers - equipping participants to grow into future leaders in the field.

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Podcast

Have you listened to the podcast, the **Arms Control Poseur**? It's a podcast series produced by the IISS on behalf of the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium, which unpacks the most pressing arms control issues and discusses measures to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

With the fifth season of the podcast just around the corner, we're looking back at the past four. In seasons one and two, we explored the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and key treaties to counter their threat. Season three brought expert discussions on contemporary and technological challenges in arms control. In season four, we offered an overview of the nuclear programmes of all nine nuclear-armed states, their interconnections, and lessons for arms control and non-proliferation.

Stay tuned - season five launches on **October 2nd** on the podcast platform of your choice.

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Network Calls

T.M.C Asser Institute Early Career Conference on Emerging Disruptive Technology and Arms Control

The second 2025 conference features the topic of 'Emerging Disruptive Technology and Arms Control'. Emerging disruptive technologies have the potential to fundamentally transform warfare and reshape strategic stability. These include novel weapon systems, such as hypersonic missiles, armed drones and autonomous weapons. While these technologies offer significant military advantages, existing arms control and export regimes are poorly equipped to address the security, proliferation and humanitarian risks posed by such technologies.

Application deadline: 29 September 2025

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The Emerging Voices Network (EVN) at BASIC is excited to open applications for the 2025/2026 membership cycle!

While membership is open to everyone, we are particularly interested in hearing from applicants from Southern Africa, Central Africa, South America, Western Asia, Polynesia, Micronesia, The Caribbean, and Melanesia. The EVN is a digital network of high-potential, next-generation leaders on nuclear issues, who will inherit the responsibility of managing nuclear threats.

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