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The thesis under review presents a clear account of the gradual and hesitant developments of armaments cooperation in the European Union, culminating in the establishment of the European Defence Agency.

The candidate explains the linkages between the increasingly globalised defence industry market and the reluctant decision of European states to modify their autarky in this respect. He also traces the interaction between the evolution of the CFSP and the steps which led to the establishment of the European Defence Agency. In this connection his treatment of Franco-British relations is particularly perceptive.

The brief attempt at providing a theoretical framework is satisfactory as far as it goes, but more could have been said about the relevance of economic theory. The issue of derogation at the national level is well covered as are the efforts of the Prodi and Barroso Commissions to cope with it. More specific information about the abuse of derogation would have been useful. The EDA Code of Conduct of Defence Procurement could have been subjected to a more detailed critique.

The very short literature review (pp 9-10) seems to me to be redundant as it cannot pretend to cover the ground. This is particularly so as the sources listed and the bibliography are rather impressive.

The thesis is written in English and that is the reason why this critique is written in the same language. The candidate's use of English is more than adequate.

Despite some of the minor blemishes pointed out above, I consider this to be an excellent piece of work. The candidate has made very good use of his internship in Brussels and has demonstrated his ability for independent work at postgraduate level.

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