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Title: EU and UN in Crisis Management

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Mrs. Bértlová devotes her M.A. thesis to the topic of crisis management. Main goal of thesis is to „analyze necessity of partnership and coherence among national and international actors, analyze steps that influenced EU-UN relations, models for the future UN trend involving the EU in the operations where force is used.

Pavlína starts with description of rising role of UN and EU in maintaining peace worldwide. Then sets up criteria in order to evaluate success of particular peace-keeping missions. This part is focused on legal base of EU-UN relations, past examples of mutual cooperation between these IGO's, rising political influence of the EU within UN structure etc.

The second part is composed of two case studies - EU-led missions in DRK (Artemis and EUFOR Congo), which prove that mutual cooperation is mainly influenced by position of particular EU member states and different organizational structures of both organizations.

Pavlína concludes that the EU proved to be a key player on the world scene in crisis management, but still a lot of work remain to be done in this field.

The thesis fulfills all formal criteria – scope, clear methodology, sources etc.

Based on the arguments above, I suggest to evaluate the thesis as 1 (excellent) depending on Mrs. Bertlova's defence.