

REPORT

“Strategic security questions for Europe” Closed informal meeting with Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

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Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

- **EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy together with the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union organized a closed informal meeting with Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.**
- **The informal meeting aimed at discussing strategic security questions with leading senior researchers from Brussels based institutions.**

In his introductory speech, Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, reflected on several questions regarding the current considerations of security cooperation in the EU ahead of the European Parliament election.

The main questions of the introductory speech were as follows:

1. *With the demise of existing treaties, what future for arms control?*
2. *Is it time to rethink soft security policies?*
3. *New notion of economic security?*

4. *Will new technologies and cybersecurity affect international politics at large?*

5. *Is Europe's emphasis on multilateralism still relevant?*

H. E. Jabub Dürr, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU, as well as *H. E. Tomáš Szunyog*, Deputy Head of the Czech Permanent Representation to the EU and Permanent Representative to PSC, were present at the event. The informal meeting was moderated by *Martin Michelot*, Deputy Director at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy. The event followed the Chatham House rule.

The debate covered a wide range of topics surrounding the security relationship within the EU and beyond its borders.

