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The discussion on the European External Action Service takes place at a time when the need of a long term EU strategy of how to work with other parts of the globe in the dramatically changing world has become urgent.

We need bold strategic vision and actions as the emerging global powers modernise quicker than Europe ever did. They become more and more assertive.

Our geopolitical strategic thinking in foreign policy cannot be limited to climate change and energy security.

One of the three European institutions that will be active in practice in foreign policy (President of the Commission, President of the Council and High Representative) must have the geopolitical strategic competences assigned to it and not only short term fixing of emerging problems which leads to lowest common denominator based foreign policy.

In my view, the natural candidate for these strategic competences is the high representative drawing on the competences and expertise of the European External Action Service.