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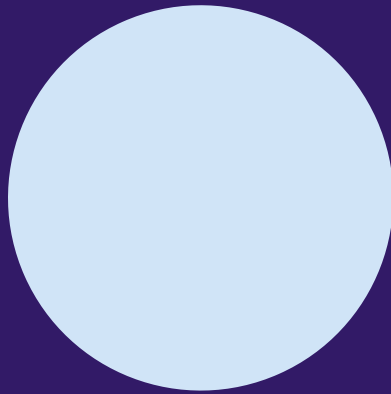


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Foreword



The Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 marked a turning point in European history. First and foremost, Russia's aggression against Ukraine is having a devastating effect on the country's population, poses an immediate threat to security in Europe and has far-reaching consequences globally, for example in relation to food security and energy. In other parts of the world, too, there has for some time now been an increase in conflicts and geopolitical and geo-economic tensions. Complex issues are now at the top of the agenda, both nationally and at international level. They include climate change, increasing pressure on the international legal order and democratic values, the erosion of multilateral institutions, political changes in Africa, a more assertive stance by China and increasing tensions in the Indo-Pacific region.

These major developments in international relations prompted the AIV in 2022 to issue, on its own initiative, advisory letters on adequately equipping the Dutch armed forces and the war in Ukraine (the latter partly in response to a request by the House of Representatives). The need for, and the urgency of, a new Africa strategy also resulted in an advisory letter on this subject. Last year the AIV also issued advice, at the request of the House of Representatives, on a Dutch global health strategy. In 2022, government requests for advice resulted in advisory reports on European industrial policy, the Netherlands' human rights policy and the geopolitical role of Türkiye. The AIV also contributed to a joint advisory report by 14 advisory councils on COVID-19 scenarios.

To mark the departure of Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as Chair of the Advisory Council and Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin as a member of the Advisory Council, the AIV organised a symposium on 3 June 2022. Professor Ian Buruma gave the opening speech, entitled 'Liberal democracy between a rock and a hard place', while Professor Corien Prins gave an introduction on the role and position of advisory councils, entitled 'Joined-up Advice'.

In August we received the sad news of the death of Marnix Krop. He was an esteemed member of the AIV's European Integration Committee and his expertise, intellectual acumen and commitment were invaluable for the AIV's advisory reports on European matters over the years.

The second AIV Wellenstein Lecture took place on 1 November 2022. Professor Gareth Evans, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia, gave an impassioned speech about the crucial and urgent importance of human rights in foreign policy, entitled 'Universal Human Rights in a Changing Global Order: Refocusing the Narrative'.

At the end of the year the AIV bade farewell to Emeritus Professor Tineke Cleiren and Monika Sie Dhian Ho, who both made huge contributions to the AIV. As Chair of the Human Rights Committee Tineke Cleiren oversaw the drafting of a number of key advisory reports in the field of human rights, such as 'Regulating online content' and 'Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context'. As Vice-Chair of the AIV she played an important role in increasing the professionalism of the AIV as an organisation. As Vice-Chair of the European Integration Committee Monika Sie made a significant contribution to many advisory reports on European matters, for example on China and European asylum and industrial policies. The AIV is extremely grateful to them both for their meaningful contributions and their steadfast commitment to the Advisory Council through ups and downs.

On 1 January 2023 Professor Janne Nijman became a member of the Advisory Council and assumed the role of Chair of the Human Rights Council.

Professor Bert Koenders
AIV Chair

Advisory reports published in 2022

- Choices for the Armed Forces
- Designing Smart Industrial Policy: New Departures for the Netherlands within the EU
- Foundation for a Dutch Global Health Strategy
- Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context
- The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa
- The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios
- The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical 'Time Shock'





Henne Schuwer presenting the advisory report on Türkiye to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wopke Hoekstra.

Choices for the Armed Forces

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is a gross violation of existing international agreements regarding Ukraine's territorial integrity. The Ukrainian people are under ruthless attack and large numbers of people have been killed or forced to flee. The invasion has also jeopardised the security of the European continent. There is a real risk of further escalation and a direct threat to NATO territory. Consequently, Europe's contribution to the collective defence of the continent must be significantly increased. The advisory letter entitled '**Choices for the Armed Forces**' recommends that the government immediately increase the defence budget by a substantial amount, in any event to at least 2% of GDP within this term of government.

First, the armed forces must be more specifically equipped for allied defence, with its two other constitutional core tasks serving to support this. Second, the government must start implementing the adopted NATO and EU targets as soon as possible. Third, the AIV strongly urges the government to invest the promised extra funds immediately in the armed forces' basic readiness, availability and deployability. Fourth, the Netherlands should specialise in specific tasks via coalitions within the UN, NATO and the EU. The Netherlands must focus on multidomain and integrated operations. Lastly, the AIV advises the government to move to a more binding 10-year defence planning process and to lay down this planning model in a Defence Act.

The advisory report attracted considerable media attention. No government response has yet been published.



Designing Smart Industrial Policy: New Departures for the Netherlands within the EU

On 18 March 2022 the AIV published an advisory report entitled ‘[Designing Smart Industrial Policy: New Departures for the Netherlands within the EU](#)’, which had been drafted at the request of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In the advisory report the AIV concludes that Dutch industrial policy needs a recalibrated compass in the light of rapid geopolitical developments. The superpowers, i.e. China, Russia and – from time to time – the US, are not afraid to flex their industrial muscles with their respective state-owned enterprises, energy empires and tech giants. In the past policymaking and the economic discourse in the Netherlands and at EU institutions have always been led by the idea of open markets and horizontal, generic industrial policy. Given the new challenges that have arisen the focus must now be on smart industrial policy which uses the full range of available measures. These should include defensive measures, such as restricting foreign unfair competition, supportive measures, such as expanded state aid frameworks, and offensive measures, such as efforts to promote EU standards. In order to avoid the traditional European protectionist responses, the AIV advises the government to advocate a common assessment framework at EU level as a necessary ‘compass’ for smart industrial policy. Such a framework would help avoid the pitfalls referred to, while simultaneously enabling the EU to achieve its public goals.

In the government response (8 July 2022, not yet available in English), which was included in a broader letter to the House of Representatives detailing the government’s vision and implementation agenda for strategic and green industrial policy, the government welcomed the AIV’s recommendations. In its response the government included an assessment framework for the Dutch position on Important Projects of Common European Interest (ICPEIs).

On 12 October 2022, the Chair of the European Integration Committee, Luuk van Middelaar, and co-author Hans Kribbe gave a technical briefing on the advisory report to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. On 14 December Luuk van Middelaar gave a briefing on the advisory report to the Flemish Advisory Council for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (VARIO).

Luuk van Middelaar and the Vice-Chair of the European Integration Committee, Monika Sie Dhian Ho, wrote an opinion piece for the NRC newspaper (1 april 2022, only available in Dutch), based on the advisory report, in which they advocated a more active industrial policy in order to make the economy more independent and sustainable. On 14 October 2022 an article (only available in Dutch) appeared in the Trouw newspaper on the AIV advisory report, following the technical briefing on the advisory report for the House of Representatives.



Foundation for a Dutch Global Health Strategy

The COVID-19 pandemic once again underlined the importance of a global health strategy. Health is closely related to sustainable development and poverty reduction. What is more, the capacity of healthcare systems in other countries turned out to have direct consequences for public health in the Netherlands. The House of Representatives asked the AIV to produce an advisory report on the framework for a Dutch global health strategy.

The **advisory report** was published on 20 April 2022. In it the AIV calls on the government to commit to developing a global health strategy which aligns with existing frameworks and multilateral initiatives, such as those of the World Health Organization (WHO). It is important that the focus be not only on responding to acute needs, but also on broadly strengthening the health infrastructure of developing countries. The AIV also sets out four guiding principles, including the connection between the health of humans, animals, the ecosystem and the natural environment, as well as the importance of ensuring coherence, for example by integrating health into other policy domains.

The **government response** was published on 7 July 2022. In it the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation and the Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport expressed their appreciation of the clear recommendations, which provide solid starting points and building blocks for a Dutch Global Health Strategy. The government agreed with the analysis that there should be enhanced policy coherence and that it is important to adopt strategic priorities which align with the agenda of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Dutch Global Health Strategy 2023-2030 (only available in Dutch) was published in October 2022. The AIV advisory report is referred to several times as one of the strategy's points of departure. The guiding principles as formulated in the AIV advisory report were adopted in full and integrated into the strategy.



Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context

The advisory report entitled **'Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context'** was published on 28 June 2022. At a time when the rule of law, democracy and human rights are under serious pressure as a consequence of shifts in the global balance of power, the rise of autocratic regimes, problems relating to migration and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the AIV is urgently calling on the government to give its human rights policy fresh impetus. In doing so the Netherlands should continue to place the core principles of human rights at the heart of foreign policy: human dignity, universality, equality/non-discrimination and indivisibility need to be the common thread running through Dutch domestic and foreign policy.

The AIV advises the government to actively propagate the principle that all human rights are indivisible and mutually interdependent. Civil and political rights are inextricably linked to economic, social and cultural rights, such as the right to education, health and social security. However, it should be acknowledged that not all rights can be implemented equally quickly or in a similar manner in all situations. Moreover, human rights can be more solidly anchored if they are explicitly incorporated into other global policy areas and narratives, such as the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, the environment and migration.

The AIV considers it very important that the Netherlands guard against attempts to undermine the independence and effectiveness of the multilateral human rights system and that it continue to support the accessibility and funding of institutions such as the United Nations and the Council of Europe. In addition, the Netherlands needs to keep contributing to the development of new global and European instruments to protect human rights and sanction human rights violations, such as the human rights clauses in EU agreements.

The AIV regards coalitions with like-minded countries and partnerships with civil society within and outside the European Union as essential in this regard. Furthermore, it is important that the government also acknowledge the shortcomings in its own policy and avoid double standards. Human rights education is very important, in order to ensure that there is a firm foundation for efforts in this area in the future as well.

Following its publication, the advisory report featured in a number of different newspapers (Trouw, NRC – only available in Dutch).

In the government response to the advisory report, which was published on 14 October (not yet available in English), the government indicated that it regarded the AIV's analysis and recommendations as solid starting points and building blocks for its forthcoming policy letter, entitled 'Human Rights, Democracy and the International Legal Order'.

The government agrees with the analysis that recognising and protecting human rights is not just a worthy ideal but also a clear matter of enlightened self-interest, in that it forms a vital link between the rule of law, democracy and international security. Effectiveness is an important basic premise in this context. In order to embed human rights and human rights protection more firmly in the international legal order, the government considers it necessary, as argued by the AIV, to invest in new partnerships, including with non-like-minded countries. The government will act on the recommendation that it should take advantage of the new opportunities offered by many of today's

societies to support and promote bottom-up efforts in the area of human rights and human rights protection. According to the government response the additional resources that have been made available for human rights worldwide, in accordance with the coalition agreement, have been used to enhance the capacity of the mission network and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to supplement the Human Rights Fund.



The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa

The position of Africa in the world has changed significantly over the past few decades. The emergence of non-Western countries and their increasing interest in Africa is creating opportunities for the continent to play a stronger role on the international stage. However, all too often the Netherlands still views the continent from a traditional perspective. The development of a new Africa strategy, as announced in the coalition agreement of January 2022, offers an excellent opportunity to change that.

In the run-up to the new strategy the AIV published an [advisory letter](#) on 14 July 2022 in which it noted that, thus far, Europe has not succeeded in building an equal relationship with African countries. The West has forfeited a great deal of goodwill in Africa, not just through colonialism, but also through unfair aspects of European agricultural and trade policy. Nevertheless, policy still focuses primarily on self-interest and European ideas about what African interests might, or ought to, be. That is ineffective but, above all, it is also unwise given the increasing strategic importance of Africa for Europe in a changing geopolitical reality.

In the AIV's opinion the new strategy should be based on mutual respect and a focus on complementary and shared interests. The advisory letter offers several points of departure in this regard, for example in the fields of trade, economic growth, security, climate action, raw materials and technology. In the short term, the Netherlands must show that it is prepared to act effectively on the urgent issue of food security, for example by supporting African solutions.

The government's new Africa strategy has been launched 31 May 2023 (only available in Dutch).

The AIV advisory report was the subject of an editorial in the NRC newspaper of 9 August 2022 (only available in Dutch).

The Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation and the Minister of Foreign Affairs sent the government response (not yet available in English) to the advisory report to the House of Representatives on 20 October 2022. In its response the government thanked the AIV for the timely advisory report, endorsed its analysis and stated that it agreed with the ideas relating to pursuing complementary and shared interests. The government also recognised the importance of coherent policy.

On 7 December 2022 a technical briefing was given to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation.



A Consideration of Various COVID-19 Scenarios: Guidance for Necessary Choices

The COVID-19 pandemic caught us by surprise. We were not properly prepared and that caused us problems every time there was a surge in new cases. With a view to the future it is important to be prepared for various scenarios. Together with 13 other advisory councils, coordinated by the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), the AIV developed various COVID-19 scenarios in a joint advisory report (only available in Dutch), which was published on 5 September 2022.

In this report the AIV outlines the often-neglected international dimension, a perspective which is badly needed because even a rich country like the Netherlands cannot resolve a pandemic in isolation. The AIV's contribution to this advisory report builds on the advisory report entitled '[Foundation for a Dutch Global Health Strategy](#)', which the AIV published in April 2022.



The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical 'Time Shock'

On 7 July 2022 the House of Representatives requested the AIV to produce an urgent advisory letter concerning the impact of this war on foreign policy for the Netherlands and the EU. Now that the war has been ongoing for more than a year, with no immediate end in sight, the Netherlands would be well advised to think about a future strategy. How can the Netherlands protect its socioeconomic and security interests against the backdrop of war and in the face of changing geopolitical relationships?

The Netherlands is committed to supporting Ukraine in this war, and it also finds itself embroiled in a hybrid conflict with Russia. The war is causing problems for Dutch society and European societies on many fronts, and the fragile security situation is forcing parliament and the government to think about a strategy for the future. In this [advisory letter](#), which was published on 20 October 2022, the AIV made six recommendations to the government and the House of Representatives. First, it wished to emphasise the urgency of this war and its deep impact on Dutch society. The government should invest in maintaining public support for Ukraine so as to ensure that such support continues. This is important because ultimately this war affects Europe (and the Netherlands) too. Second, the AIV advised the government to anticipate any escalation and develop de-escalation scenarios. Third the AIV drew the attention of the government and Parliament to the great importance of maintaining military and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine, and of developing plans for reconstruction. Fourth, the AIV recommended reinforcing the political, economic and social resilience of the Netherlands and the EU. Fifth, the Netherlands should play a more emphatic role in the strategic reordering of the European continent. Finally, the Netherlands should commit to shaping global coalitions, formulating a financial plan for reconstruction and addressing war crimes.

On 7 December 2022, the AIV's advisory letter was explained and discussed during a technical briefing before the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. The AIV and the Permanent Committee on Foreign Affairs discussed it again on 31 January 2023.

Since then a detailed government response (not yet available in English) has been published (23 December 2022) in which the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence noted that the AIV had produced a clear advisory letter which provided a basis for enhancing the Netherlands' support for Ukraine. The government appreciated the AIV's broad assessment of the war in Ukraine and shared the view that the war unleashed by Russia is having far-reaching consequences. The AIV's recommendations were endorsed. In its response the government discussed the development of future initiatives, the support pledged to Ukraine by the Netherlands, the enhancement of cooperation within the EU, NATO and the UN, and the government's efforts in terms of tracking down and prosecuting war criminals.

The advisory letter attracted considerable media attention (only available in Dutch).

The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios

On 19 May 2021 the government asked the AIV to publish an advisory report on the geopolitical role of Türkiye and the consequences of that role, both at bilateral level and within NATO and the EU. The AIV established the joint Committee on the Geopolitics of Türkiye to prepare the advisory report.

The AIV presented the advisory report, entitled ‘[The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios](#)’, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Wopke Hoekstra, on 8 November 2022. In the advisory report the AIV calls on the government to adopt a more strategic approach to its relationship with Türkiye.

Türkiye’s role on the world stage presents the Netherlands with several dilemmas. For years, its idiosyncratic foreign and security policy has provoked resistance. Türkiye’s government is autocratic and the human rights situation is deteriorating. At the same time the country’s geopolitical role is more important than ever. Located on the border between East and West and on the Black Sea, this NATO Ally has scope to mediate in the war in Ukraine that other countries lack. What is more, Türkiye is able to fulfil a role which is crucial for the European Union (EU) with regard to managing migration from fragile regions. The AIV recommends a proactive Türkiye policy that recognises the importance of the relationship with Türkiye but also prioritises a forward-looking approach and a careful balancing of the Netherlands’ interests vis-à-vis Türkiye. The interests that are central to the AIV’s recommendations focus on a powerful NATO, a strong and effective EU, and cooperation in the fields of counterterrorism, climate change, energy, migration and reception in the region. The foundation of the relationship lies in the proper integration of Dutch citizens of Turkish origin and the Turkish diaspora, a close trade and investment relationship with Türkiye and the promotion of values and norms in the fields of human rights and the rule of law.

On 31 January 2023 the AIV gave a technical briefing to the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs (only in dutch).

The [government response](#) was published on 8 March 2023. In it the government expressed its gratitude for this thorough and timely advisory report. It stated that the AIV’s call for a proactive policy on Türkiye based on a recognition of the strategic importance of the Netherlands’ relationship with Türkiye, coupled with a careful balancing of interests, is consistent with the government’s planned policy on Türkiye in the years ahead. The government response included a detailed appreciation of the 10 recommendations, of which it embraced the majority. With regard to the recommendation about working in coalition with Germany the government stated that the Netherlands already works as much as possible with like-minded countries, particularly Germany. At the same time, however, the Turkish-Dutch relationship also warrants its own explicit track – a track to which the existing bilateral Wittenburg Conference contributes.

The advisory report attracted media attention, for example in the NRC Handelsblad newspaper (only in dutch).

Government response in 2022



Advisory report entitled 'Autonomous weapon systems: The importance of regulation and investment'

On 17 June 2022 the government published its [response](#) to the [AIV/CAVV advisory report on autonomous weapons](#). The government expressed its considerable appreciation for the detailed study and stated that the recommendations made by the AIV and CAVV provide a basis for the government's new policy position in relation to autonomous weapon systems. The response endorsed the importance of the views outlined by the AIV and CAVV, and noted that the government would largely adopt the recommendations.

In October 2022 a [conference](#) on new technologies was held in the German *Bundestag*. Those attending noted the Dutch government's position with interest and underlined the importance of the AIV/CAVV advisory report and its impact on the Dutch government in terms of steering policy in this area.



New advisory processes



A stronger international role for the euro

Current geopolitical developments, particularly the war in Ukraine and the rise of China as a world power, mean that the European Union needs to recalibrate its position on the world stage. There has been a growing debate in Europe about how the EU can reinforce its strategic autonomy in order to protect its economic and geopolitical interests and defend its values and security. In the same context there has also been discussion about reinforcing the international role of the euro, something that could help strengthen the EU's economic and geopolitical position.

In the request for advice (not yet available in English) the government asked the AIV to analyse the extent to which the international role of the euro can be strengthened as a consequence of European policy and to what extent that would help strengthen the EU's economic and geopolitical position. The AIV was also asked to give advice on what measures would be most effective for achieving this goal, for example with regard to the capital market and the banking sector, and what role the Dutch government can play in this respect. Lastly, the government asked to what extent a further increase in the use of the renminbi as an international currency is to be expected and what implications this would have for the global financial system and geopolitical relations.

A Fair and Just Climate Transition

Climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution. Achieving the targets of the Paris Agreement is a collective challenge in which everyone has a role to play.

However, the climate transition is taking place in a world characterised by huge inequality. In many ways climate change is having the greatest effect on the world's poorest countries, which have contributed least to the problem. What is more, these countries have less access to the resources needed to implement the climate transition and, at the same time, they are facing the challenge of substantially increasing their overall energy generation in order to meet their development needs. Lastly, the transition itself may have unfair effects, such as abuses in the raw-material extraction industry.

In its request for advice (not yet available in English) the government asked the AIV to analyse how the Netherlands can work towards an effective, fair and just climate and energy transition, with a particular focus on African countries.

The advisory report will be produced by a drafting committee with members from the Development Cooperation Committee, the European Integration Committee and the Human Rights Committee. The committee will conduct a desk study and an examination of source material, and interview various experts, including experts from the Global South. The AIV aims to publish the advisory report in mid-2023.

Hybrid threats

In July 2022 the AIV received a [request for advice](#) on hybrid threats from the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The combination of threats, dependence and the grey area between war and peace in which hybrid confrontations and conflicts play out creates a complex web of tensions around hybrid threats in which a new balance – with associated norms – needs to be found.

With a view to fulfilling the request for advice the AIV is focusing on gathering together experts, information and insights which can form the building blocks for Dutch policy on hybrid threats. The AIV aims to draft an advisory report which sets the agenda and provides information, and investigates frameworks for creating norms. The AIV aims to publish the advisory report in mid-2023

Events in 2022

Farewell symposium for Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin

On Friday 3 June 2022 the Advisory Council on International Affairs organised a symposium to mark the departure of Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as Chair of the Advisory Council and Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin as member of the Advisory Council.

The symposium was held in the Auditorium of the Peace Palace in The Hague (mostly in Dutch). Following an introduction by the current AIV Chair, Professor Bert Koenders, Ian Buruma, author, journalist and professor at the Bard College (New York), gave the opening speech, which was entitled, *'Liberal democracy between a rock and a hard place'*.

The Chair of the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), Professor Corien Prins, discussed the role and position of advisory councils, in a speech entitled 'Joined-up Advice'. Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin reflected on the position of human rights in the international legal order. The title of his introduction was 'Fellow Human Rights'. Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer reflected on his career and his time at the AIV in his introduction entitled 'Events'. Emeritus Professor Tineke Cleiren then gave a farewell speech during which she addressed Professors Hirsch Ballin and De Hoop Scheffer on behalf of the AIV.



Farewell symposium for Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as Chair of the Advisory Council and Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin as member of the Advisory Council on 3 June 2022.

AIV Wellenstein Lecture 2022

On 1 November 2022 Professor Gareth Evans, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia and President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group, gave the [second AIV Wellenstein Lecture at De Glazen Zaal in The Hague](#), entitled 'Universal Human Rights in a Changing Global Order: Refocusing the Narrative'.

In his lecture Professor Evans, who was one of the architects of the principle of the responsibility to protect, discussed the importance, in today's challenging international environment, of developing a common, consistent and principled narrative for all those involved in human rights. He identified eight core principles of action, arguing that powerful ideas – like the universality and indivisibility of human rights – are not a substitute for effective action, but an indispensable foundation for it.

An amended version of the lecture given by Professor Evans was published in December by the Project Syndicate online platform. See '[Revitalizing the Struggle for Human Rights](#)' by Gareth Evans - Project Syndicate (project-syndicate.org).



Professor Bert Koenders in discussion with Professor Gareth Evans, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia, during the AIV Wellenstein Lecture on 2 November 2022.

Members of the Advisory Council in 2022



The Council has nine members, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, who are drawn from the worlds of academia, public administration and knowledge institutions. They each have specific expertise in the area of human rights, peace and security, development cooperation or European integration. The Council meets once a month to discuss ongoing advisory processes and adopt completed reports. The following overview summarises each Council member's involvement in the publication of advisory reports and participation in other activities.

Professor Bert Koenders

(Chair)



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
 - [The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical 'Time Shock'](#)
 - [The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa](#)

Emeritus Professor Tineke Cleiren

(Vice-Chair)



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
 - [Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context](#)

Lieutenant General (ret.) Jan Broeks



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
 - [Choices for the Armed Forces](#)
 - [The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical 'Time Shock'](#)
 - [The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios](#)
- ▶ Currently involved in:
 - [Advisory process on hybrid threats](#)



Dr Dorette Corbey



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
[Foundation for a Dutch Global Health Strategy](#)
[The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa](#)
- ▶ Currently involved in:
Advisory process on a fair and just climate transition (not yet available in English).
Advisory process on a stronger international role for the euro (not yet available in English).

Professor Luuk van Middelaar



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
[Designing Smart Industrial Policy: New Departures for the Netherlands within the EU](#)
[The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios](#)
[The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical ‘Time Shock’](#)
- ▶ Currently involved in:
Advisory process on a [stronger international role for the euro](#).



Professor Barbara Oomen *(until 30-06-2022)*



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
[Human Rights: A Core Interest in the Current Geopolitical Context](#)

Koos Richelle



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
[Foundation for a Dutch Global Health Strategy](#)
[The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa](#)
[A Consideration of Various COVID-19 Scenarios: Guidance for Necessary Choices](#)
(only available in Dutch)
- ▶ Currently involved in:
Advisory process on a fair and just climate transition (not yet available in English).

Henne Schuwer



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 - Choices for the Armed Forces
 - The War in Ukraine: a Geopolitical ‘Time Shock’
 - The Geopolitical Role of Türkiye: Trends and Future Scenarios
- ▶ Currently involved in:
 - Advisory process on hybrid threats

Monika Sie Dhian Ho



- ▶ Involved in publication of:
 - Designing Smart Industrial Policy: New Departures for the Netherlands within the EU
 - The Urgent Need for a New Dutch Strategy on Africa
- ▶ Currently involved in:
 - Advisory process on a stronger international role for the euro.



Members of the Permanent Committees in 2022



The AIV comprises four permanent committees: the European Integration Committee, the Human Rights Committee, the Development Cooperation Committee and the Peace and Security Committee. Members of the Advisory Council serve as the chairs and vice-chairs of the permanent committees, which prepare the advisory reports.

▶ European Integration Committee (CEI)

Carsten Brzeski
René Cuperus
Dr Hylke Dijkstra
Dr Hanneke van Eijken
Joanne Kellermann
Marnix Krop (*passed away on 28-07-2022*)
Dr Joris Larik (*from 01-07-2022*)
Joshua Livestro
Professor Ton Nijhuis
Professor Mathieu Segers
Ben Voorhorst
Professor Catherine de Vries

▶ Human Rights Committee (CMR)

Dr Maarten Biermans
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Marie-Anne van Dijk
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Professor Janneke Gerards (*until 31-05-2022*)
Arjan Hamburger
Ton Heerts
Dr Narin Idriz
Professor Nicola Jägers
Maral Khajeh (*from 01-09-2022*)
Professor Egbert Myjer (*until 31-08-2022*)
Dr Bart Schermer
Dr Naema Tahir
Dr Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh
(*from 01-09-2022*)

▶ Development Cooperation Committee (COS)

Professor Bas Arts
Linda Broekhuizen
Professor Jenny Dankelman
Professor Marleen Dekker
Professor Ronald de Jong
Dr Sara Kinsbergen
Dr Kellie Liket
Pim Mol
Dr Antony Ong'ayo
Marieke Schouten
Elisabeth van Steenhoven (*until 13-11-2022*)
Léon Wijnands

▶ Peace and Security Committee (CVW)

Professor Edwin Bakker
Arend-Jan Boekestijn
Lo Casteleijn
Professor Jolle Demmers
Pieter Feith
Professor Beatrice de Graaf
Jochem de Groot
Nina van Lanschot (*from 01-07-2022*)
Dr Gulnaz Sibgatullina (*from 01-07-2022*)
Lieutenant-General (ret.) Dirk Starink
Joris Teer
Dick Zandee



Secretariat in 2022



The secretariat provides substantive, editorial and organisational support to the AIV and the permanent committees. The bulk of its work relates to the preparation, drafting and publication of reports.

▶ Executive secretaries

Marja Kwast-van Duursen,

AIV executive secretary

Dr Karin Wester,

Deputy AIV executive secretary/CMR executive secretary

Marije Balt,

Joint committees executive secretary

Dr Hans van der Jagt,

CVV executive secretary

Dr Marenne Jansen,

COS executive secretary (*until 29 September 2022*)

Dr Saskia Hollander,

Acting CIE executive secretary (*until 30 June 2022*)

Jorrit Oppewal,

COS executive secretary (*from 1 December 2022*)

Sabine Visser,

CEI executive secretary (*from 1 September 2022*)

▶ Communication

Wouter Bax,

spokesperson/communication adviser (part-time)

▶ Management assistants

Annet Potting

Annebel de Groot (*1 June to 31 August 2022*)

Karin van der Torn (*from 1 August 2022*)

▶ Trainees

Tessa Postmus (*from 1 September 2022*)



Communication



In 2022 the AIV published a large number of advisory reports and advisory letters, gave various technical briefings to permanent parliamentary committees and organised two events. As regards communication the AIV continued its strategy, set out in 2021, of increasing the impact of the advisory reports in public debate and policy. This resulted in more frequent use of our website and social media channels, both in the context of publishing new advisory reports and highlighting past reports in the context of current events.

The AIV website was visited 31,096 times in 2022. This is well over 10,000 more visits than in the previous year. In total these visitors consulted 115,613 AIV web pages, with 44% accessing the website via LinkedIn. A further 20% accessed the website via Twitter.

On LinkedIn the number of followers increased by 928 people and organisations to 2,052. There were 3,285 page views on LinkedIn by 1,291 unique visitors. This means that the contributions by the AIV on LinkedIn were read eight times more than in the previous year. In relation to AIV contributions there were 1,399 responses, 97 comments and 134 reposts, a tenfold increase on 2021. The number of followers on Twitter rose from 858 to 1,133 in 2022.



Finances in 2022

In 2022 the AIV budget amounted to €635,000. Personnel costs are not included in this budget but are borne by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence. The annual budget pays for the fees and travel expenses of the Council members and the attendance allowances and travel expenses of the members of the permanent committees. It also covers the costs of meetings, the lay-out and printing of advisory reports, shipping costs and the cost of events. Of the total budget of €635,000 allocated for 2022, €489,370 was spent.



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