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“European Union countries should defend each other..”

London.—European Union countries should be required to defend each other given the growing conflicts on their borders, centre-right EU lawmakers said yesterday, urging governments to consider a collective defence policy similar to NATO.

As the EU confronts the failure of its neighbourhood policy and faces conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, the biggest political grouping in the European Parliament called for an EU equivalent of NATO's Article 5, which considers an attack on one member as an attack against all. “The security environment necessi-

tates that European defence stops being a paper tiger and becomes a fully-fledged policy providing equal security ... for all member states,” the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) said in a policy paper.

“To the south and east Europe is facing an arc of instability. The expected ring of friends became a ring of fire,” it said, referring to the Ukraine crisis with Russia and wars in the Middle East which have displaced millions of people - hundreds of thousands of whom have sought refuge in Europe.

# Bullfighting to be banned in the Balearics

**T**HE government of PSOE and Més plus its partner, Podemos, has made a commitment to anti-bullfighting associations that bullfighting will be prohibited in the Balearics (meaning Majorca, as there is no bullfighting in the other islands). The group of animal-rights organisations behind the campaign Mallorca Sense Sang (Majorca

Without Blood) has announced that next week the three parties will present a motion to parliament for the amendment of laws that protect bullfighting. The Anima Naturalis group says that “after many months of effort, with 24 municipalities having declared themselves anti-bullfighting and respectful of animals, with the support of more than 135,000 people and that

of personalities from the worlds of culture, fashion, cinema and sport, the Mallorca Sense Sang campaign is on the point of achieving its objective.”

Its spokesperson, Guillermo Amengual, describes this as “historic” and says that “within a few days” bullfighting will only be a “bad memory” in the islands. However, the political parties themselves have given no indication

that there is a specific timetable for a legal amendment that would entail the banning of bullfighting.

In the Balearics - in Majorca - there are only four active bullfighting arenas - those of Palma, Alcudia, Inca and Muro - where, according to campaigners, the staging of bullfights has fallen to its lowest level in 2015, with only three bullfight events.



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