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It comprises of research on the Institutional Architecture of EU External Action, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), European Security and Defence Policy, Common Commercial Policy and Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid.



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