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from : General Secretariat
to : Coreper / Council

Subject : Adoption of Council conclusions on the database of military assets and capabilities relevant to the protection of civilian populations against the effects of terrorist attacks, including CBRN

Following the conclusions of the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of 4 November 2003 ¹, the Working Party on Civil Protection, the Military Committee (EUMC) and the Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management, produced draft Council conclusions on the subject mentioned above. The draft conclusions were examined by the Politico-Military Working Party and by PSC, who finalised the text.

The PSC agreed, on 3 December 2003, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee propose that the Council adopt, under "A"-items of its agenda, the conclusions as they stand in the Annex.

¹ Doc. 14825/03 PROCIV 152 CIVCOM 181 PESC 675 COSDP 673 Annex II.

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COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

**on the database of military assets and capabilities relevant to
the protection of civilian populations against the effects of terrorist attacks,
including CBRN**

1. Following the European Council request contained in the declaration of Seville of 21/22 June 2002 on the contribution of CFSP, including ESDP, in the fight against terrorism,² the issue of how military assets and capabilities could be used to assist in protecting civilian populations against the consequences of a terrorist attack, including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) has been discussed in Union's institutions.
2. In this context, a database of military assets and capabilities relevant to the protection of civilian populations against the effects of terrorist attacks, including CBRN, has been established with the EUMS.
3. The content of the military database will be made available to the existing Community Civil Protection Mechanism³, in accordance with modalities, procedures and criteria to be defined in close coordination with the Commission and the Council Secretariat including the EU Military Staff.
4. Work will be undertaken to consider interoperability issues between the civilian and military assets in civil protection operations. For that purpose, the use of planning scenarios and lessons identified from real incidents, will be a starting point for further considerations. This would also ensure a better understanding of the military capabilities potentially available.

² SN 2001/02 REV 1.

³ Council Decision 2001/792, Euratom, of 23 October 2001 establishing a Community mechanism to facilitate reinforced cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions, OJ L 297, 15.11.2001, p. 7.

5. The information on the foregoing military assets (up to CONFIDENTIEL UE) will be protected in accordance with existing Council security regulations and the Commission security provisions.

6. Council asks the Political and Security Committee to oversee the definition of the aforementioned modalities, procedures and criteria by the relevant Council bodies and to report back to the Council through Coreper.
