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From : Political and Security Committee
To : Permanent Representatives Committee / Council
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Delegations will find attached the text agreed by the PSC on 4 December.

The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council adopts the Draft Council Conclusions on the fight against terrorism in annex.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

1. The fight against terrorism is one of the highest priorities of the European Union. The Council approved the report on the activities of the European Union in the fight against terrorism under the Italian Presidency and endorsed its recommendations.
2. The Council noted as a concrete achievement in cross-pillar co-operation the work which has been conducted in this respect.
3. The Council took note of the Workshop on the Prevention of Financing of Terrorism held in Brussels on 7 November 2003 at the joint initiative of the Presidency and the Commission considering the great importance of the financial aspects for the prevention and suppression of terrorism.
4. As agreed by the Council (ECOFIN) at its meeting of 25 November 2003, the dialogue being pursued with the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council on the prevention of terrorism financing and related issues should continue to be on the agenda of the EU-GCC relations both at political and technical level.
5. The Council considered that the Workshop was of particular significance and that its formula should be pursued in the future either with the same countries or with others in regions equally relevant to the EU's counter terrorism strategy.

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