



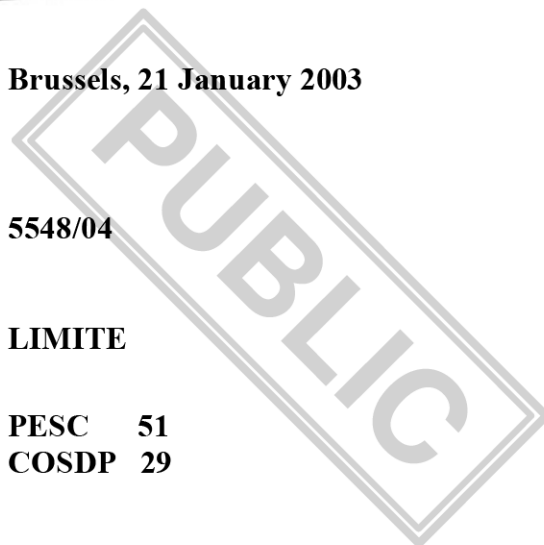
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- Draft Council Conclusions on the European Security Strategy

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On 20 January 2004, the Political and Security Committee agreed the attached draft Council Conclusions on the European Security Strategy.

Coreper is invited to approve the draft Council Conclusions and to recommend their adoption by the Council (General Affairs and External Relations) on 26/27 January 2004.

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**Draft Council conclusions on the European Security Strategy  
(GAERC, 26 January 2004)**

The Council welcomed the Presidency's plans to take forward the implementation of the European Security Strategy on the basis of the European Council Conclusions in December 2003. Work in this area will focus on the four areas identified by the European Council for initial action:

- (i) effective multilateralism with the UN at its core;
- (ii) the fight against terrorism;
- (iii) a strategy towards the region of the Middle East and
- (iv) a comprehensive policy towards Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Recalling the EU-UN Joint Declaration of 24 September 2003, the Council also welcomed the forthcoming meeting between the Presidency and the Secretary General of the United Nations at which EU-UN cooperation and EU support for effective multilateralism will be discussed.

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