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- Draft Council Conclusions relating to the European Council Declaration on Combating Terrorism
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Delegations will find enclosed the draft Council Conclusions relating to the European Council Declaration on Combating Terrorism, as agreed by Coreper on 3 June 2004.

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS
RELATING TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL DECLARATION
ON COMBATING TERRORISM

The Council :

1. Recalls that the Declaration on Combating Terrorism adopted by the European Council on 25 March 2004 called on :
 - the Council to complete the adoption of a revised Plan of Action to Combat Terrorism in accordance with the updated strategic objectives agreed for that purpose;
 - the Secretary General / High Representative to make proposals in relation to integrating, within the Council Secretariat, an intelligence capacity on all aspects of the terrorist threat;
 - the Counter-Terrorism Co-Ordinator to coordinate, within the Council Secretariat, the work of the Council in combating terrorism;
 - Member States to reinforce Europol's counter-terrorism capacities and reactivate the Counter-Terrorism task Force;
 - the Police Chiefs Task Force to review how its operational capacity could be reinforced and to focus on proactive intelligence; and
 - Member States to ensure that the optimum and most effective use is made of Eurojust.

Draft Report / Action Plan

2. Notes with satisfaction the progress made in the preparation of the Report to the European Council on the implementation of the Declaration on combating terrorism and the associated EU Plan of Action.

Report of Secretary General / High Representative

3. Takes note of the report prepared by the Secretary General / High Representative regarding the integration, within the Council Secretariat, of an intelligence capacity on terrorism for submission to the European Council on 17 / 18 June.
4. Notes the recommendations it makes for this purpose which will be considered by the European Council.

Peer Evaluation Processes / Implementation of legislative measures

5. Takes note of the report from the Counter Terrorism Co-Ordinator containing provisional findings arising from work undertaken in connection with the peer evaluation processes underway in relation to national arrangements in the fight against terrorism and the exchange of information and intelligence and his discussion paper on the monitoring of the implementation of legislative instruments to fight terrorism.
6. Mandates the Article 36 Committee, and the relevant working parties, to take the report into account in completing the peer evaluation processes and with a view to bringing any necessary proposals to Council.
7. Requests the Article 36 Committee to examine the discussion paper on the implementation of legislative measures with a view to agreeing proposals to improve existing arrangements.

Europol

8. Welcomes the re-establishment of the Counter-Terrorism Task Force and the proposals for reinforcing Europol' s counter-terrorism capacity in supporting Member States in their action against terrorism and in detecting and dismantling terrorist cells.
9. Notes that the Counter-Terrorism Task Force is being re-established within the existing structure of Europol.
10. Notes that the role and functions of the Counter-Terrorism Task Force will require to be reviewed in the light of other relevant developments.
11. Requests Member States to take all the necessary measures to support the work of the Counter-Terrorism Task Force consistent with the European Council' s call that the flow of intelligence to Europol in relation to all aspects of terrorism should be improved.
12. Requests Europol to keep the effectiveness of the Counter-Terrorism Task Force under review and to report to Council on the implementation of the new arrangements by mid-2005.
13. Welcomes the progress being made on the implementation of the Europol Information System.

Police Chiefs Task Force

14. Notes the report on the terrorist attacks prepared by the Police Chiefs Task Force.
15. Notes the outcome of the review undertaken by the Police Chiefs Task Force on how the operational capacity of the Task Force should be reinforced to focus on proactive intelligence.
16. Mandates the Article 36 Committee in consultation with the Police Chiefs Task Force to examine its proposals further, with a view to forwarding recommendations to Coreper / Council by December 2004 which will take account of procedural and institutional issues and of other developments.

Eurojust

17. Notes the report on the scope for further measures to improve its capacity to contribute to the fight against terrorism prepared by Eurojust in response to its request.
 18. Mandates the Article 36 Committee and relevant parties to examine its proposals further with a view to bringing forward any necessary proposals or recommendations for consideration by the Council by December 2004.
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