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from : Permanent Representatives Committee

to : Council

Subject : Draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism

1. At its meeting on 14 July 2005, Coreper approved the attached draft Council conclusions on Terrorism.
2. The Council is asked to adopt these draft conclusions at its meeting on 18-19 July 2005.

Draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism

The Council condemned the terrorist attacks on London and sent its profound condolences to the victims and their families. The Union stands together as it did after the attacks on Madrid last year. The attacks are an affront to everything that the European Union stands for. The Union is absolutely determined that the terrorists will not succeed. The Council underlined the need to ensure that the Union and Member States have the necessary measures, as appropriate, in place to confront this threat, be they to track terrorists down, protect potential targets, prepare for an attack or prevent people turning to terrorism. The Council has agreed a set of measures aimed at accelerating efforts in this regard. The Council stressed the importance of retaining counter-terrorism, in accordance with the European Security Strategy, as a focus of the Union's foreign policy in order to fight and prevent terrorists working internationally.

The Council reaffirmed its commitment to work to assist other countries combat this scourge both collectively, as a Union, and nationally. It agreed to maintain terrorism as a key part of its dialogue with third countries and called for the Union to intensify its efforts by November 2005 to deliver commitments for technical assistance and capacity building to key priority countries including in the areas of countering radicalisation and terrorist financing through the appropriate funding sources. The Council has committed to agreeing a strategy, by December, to combat radicalisation and recruitment to terrorism, building on our existing efforts to resolve conflict, confront oppression, reduce poverty and promote good governance. The Council pledged to continue to support the central role of the UN and support proposals for a global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. It will work to ensure that the UN Summit in September reiterates the international community's clear condemnation of terrorist acts whatever their motivation and strive for agreement to a Comprehensive Convention for the Suppression of International Terrorism.