



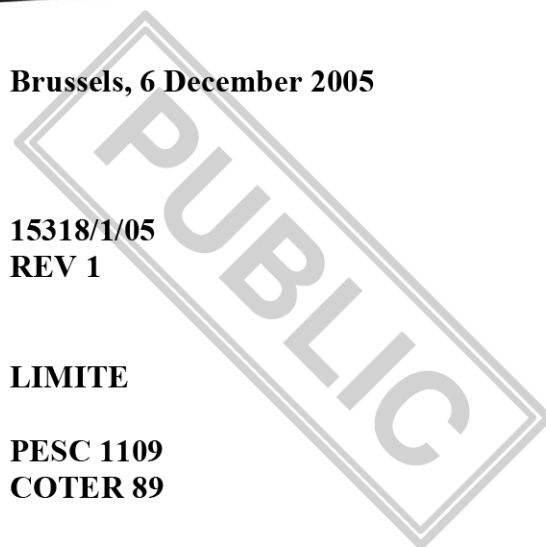
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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Presidency
to : Coreper/Council

Subject : Draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism

1. The Presidency proposes the above mentioned draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism.
2. This draft text was agreed by COTER Working Party at its meeting on 30 November 2005.
3. At its meeting on 6 December, the Political and Security Committee (PSC) agreed the draft conclusions with amendments as set out in the Annex.
4. Coreper is therefore invited to:
 - examine and endorse the draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism (Annex) at its meeting on 8 December 2005 as an "I" item.
 - recommend that the Council approves these conclusions as an A-item at its meeting on 12/13 December 2005.

Draft Council Conclusions on Terrorism

The Council reiterated the Union's commitment to a comprehensive approach to combating terrorism, while respecting human rights. It welcomed the progress made in delivering technical assistance to priority countries. Taking this assistance forward would be a key objective for the next six months. It adopted the strategy for the External Relations dimension of Justice and Home Affairs which also calls for closer engagement on counter-terrorism with key countries.

The Council welcomed the continued political dialogue on counter-terrorism with international organisation and key partners, including the US and Russia, and the progress made in broadening this dialogue, including through the agreement on a Counter-Terrorism Code of Conduct at the Barcelona Summit on 27 November.

The Council reiterated its welcome for the World Summit conclusions on terrorism and underlined the need to make every effort to reach agreement in the United Nations on the comprehensive convention on international terrorism during the sixtieth session of the General Assembly. The Council also looked forward to the development of a UN counter-terrorism strategy.

The Council also welcomed agreement to the European Union Strategy and Action Plan for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism, which provides a comprehensive framework to guide the Union's efforts to address these issues. The Council welcomed the CT Coordinator's six monthly reports on implementation of the Counter-Terrorism Action Plan and Terrorist Finance Strategy and noted that the action flowing from these reports will be considered in the framework of the new revised Action Plan. The Council agreed the EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy which will now be forwarded to the European Council for adoption.