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CBRN - CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR SECURITY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Council adopted conclusions on strengthening chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security in the European Union and approved an EU CBRN Action Plan ([15505/1/09 REV 1](#) + [COR 1](#) + [COR 2](#)).

The EU CBRN Action Plan aims at reducing the threat and possible consequences of CBRN incidents of accidental, natural or intentional origin, including acts of terrorism. It contains a large number of actions concerning prevention, detection, preparedness and response, as well as horizontal measures in the context of high-risk CBRN materials.

The Action Plan is based on the findings of a CBRN Task Force established by the Commission in February 2008, which involved both public and private stakeholders. Following the final report of the CBRN Task Force in January 2009, the Commission submitted to the Council in June 2009 a communication on strengthening chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security in the EU, including an EU CBRN Action Plan ([COM\(2009\)273](#)).

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In its conclusions, the Council invites the Commission and the Member States to undertake the implementation of the EU CBRN Action Plan, in order to enhance preventive, detection and response measures in the field of CBRN threats and risks. Special attention should be given to the so-called "key" actions whose implementation should start in 2010.

To facilitate the implementation of the Action Plan, the Council conclusions support the Commission's intention to establish a CBRN Advisory Group, bringing together state representatives, technical experts and relevant stakeholders, including, where appropriate, the private sector. The Council also welcomes the Commission's intention to launch an EU Civil Protection CBRN Resilience Programme, bringing together the various civil protection activities integrated in the CBRN Action Plan and ensuring a consolidated contribution to its overall implementation.
