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SUBJECT: Blocking of Internet searches with the words "bomb", "kill", "genocide" or "terrorism" (please specify)	
TEXT: <p>Commissioner Frattini has stated that the Commission intends to propose, in the framework of a package of anti-terrorism measures foreseen for November, the blocking of Internet searches for bomb-making instructions, adding that the Commission will also ask the private sector to make it possible to use technology to prevent people from using or searching dangerous words like "bomb, kill, genocide or terrorism" (Reuters, 10 Sept. 2007). Privacy organisations and the private sector, including Google, have already stated that the blocking of Internet searches with these words would be contrary to the freedom of expression and would not be an efficient tool against terrorism.</p> <p>Could the Commission explain how it intends to deal with scientific information available on the Internet related to explosives and chemistry, as well as on bomb-making instructions or similar scientific information available in books and other sources? Would this information also be subject to the same blocking or censoring measures?</p> <p>Why propose including the words "genocide", "terrorism" and "kill" in the list of the forbidden words for searches?</p> <p>Has the Commission explored alternative measures focusing on those websites and their authors that contain explanations on how to make bombs for terrorist aims, instead of blocking Internet searches of words of general meaning?</p> <p>If it decides to proceed with such a list of "dangerous" words, how does the Commission propose to distinguish between good and bad intentions of people conducting a web search with these keywords?</p> <p>How would the Commission deal with other informational sources which might contain these words?</p> <p>Is the Commission convinced that these proposals could really be effective in terms of anti-terrorism policies and whether these proposed measures are in conformity with fundamental rights?</p>	
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