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from : the Presidency
to : Working Party on Terrorism

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Subject : Revised EU Plan of Action to Combat Terrorism – Role of Working Party on
Terrorism

Introduction

1. On 25 March, 2004, the European Council adopted the Declaration on Combating Terrorism. The Declaration recognises that the fight against terrorism requires, inter alia, action across the range of possibilities afforded by the Union, and it is clear that the Justice and Home Affairs Council has a key role of play.
2. As part of the Declaration, the European Council agreed updated Strategic Objectives to enhance the EU Plan of Action to Combat Terrorism, as contained in Annex I to the Declaration. In addition, the European Council requested the Council to complete the adoption of the revised Plan of Action and to report back to the June European Council.

3. The Presidency convened an extraordinary meeting of the Working Party on Terrorism (TWP) on 26 April, 2004, with the aim of identifying the actions with which the TWP might be tasked in implementing both the Revised EU Plan of Action to Combat Terrorism and the commitments made in the Declaration itself. This paper represents the agreed outcome of this extraordinary meeting and constitutes the TWP's understanding of its possible role in this regard.

Approach to Work

4. In the first instance, for each updated Strategic Objective and each sub-objective thereunder, the TWP sought to identify the responsibility that accrued to the Third Pillar. In cases where such responsibility arose and having regard to its existing competencies, the TWP sought to develop specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound action points which the TWP could take forward, if so mandated.
5. A similar process took place in respect of commitments made in the Declaration on Combating Terrorism, and the TWP has sought to set out the resulting action points that it could take forward based upon the framework of the updated Strategic Objectives (see Annex).
6. In developing the action points, the TWP recognises that this paper does not incorporate all relevant issues to which the TWP could contribute; rather, it is an attempt to focus on those issues to which the TWP could bring most added value in the short to medium term. Moreover, the TWP also recognises that the implementation of certain action points would require cross-Pillar co-operation, and these action points are highlighted with an asterisk.

Proposal – Actions to be Tasked to the TWP

7. The outline provided in the Annex sets out the results of the TWP's analysis. The Presidency will now arrange for these results to be considered in the context of the examination by the Article 36 Committee of the Revised Action Plan.

ITEM	DECLARATION	TARGET DATE
Objective 3: To maximise capacity within EU bodies and Member States to detect, investigate and prosecute terrorists and prevent terrorist attacks		
– Improve mechanisms for co-operation for the sharing of expertise on protective, investigative and preventative security policies between police and security services		
(i) <i>Adopt an interim report on the outcome of the process of peer evaluation of national arrangements in the fight against terrorism in the 15 Member States</i>	Yes	Sep 2004
(ii) <i>Adopt a final report on the outcome of the process of peer evaluation of national arrangements in the fight against terrorism covering the 10 new Member States</i>	Yes	Jul 2005
(iii) <i>Follow up on the recommendations made in both the interim and final reports on the outcome of the process of peer evaluation</i>	No	Dec 2005
– Promote effective, systematic collaboration in intelligence exchange between Member States		
(i) <i>Ensure that the network of contact points in the Member States, with particular regard to the new Member States, in respect of multinational ad hoc teams is updated once per Presidency</i>	No	Ongoing
(ii) <i>Promote the extension of the Bdl system to the 10 new Member States</i>	No	Dec 2004

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Objective 3: To maximise capacity within EU bodies and Member States to detect, investigate and prosecute terrorists and prevent terrorist attacks (cont.)		
– Work to identify, disrupt and dismantle arrangements for supply of weapons to terrorists		
(i) <i>Report to the Article 36 Committee on the scope for measures to ensure the greater security of firearms*</i>	Yes	Jun 2005
(ii) <i>Report to the Article 36 Committee on the scope for measures to ensure the greater security of explosives*</i>	Yes	Oct 2004
(i) <i>Report to the Article 36 Committee on the scope for measures to ensure the greater security of bomb-making equipment*</i>	Yes	Dec 2004
(ii) <i>Report to the Article 36 Committee on the scope for measures to ensure the greater security of technologies that contribute to the perpetration of terrorist outrages*</i>	Yes	Mar 2005
Objective 4: To protect the security of international transport and ensure effective systems of border control		
– Enhance capacities for the identification of terrorists and the detection of terrorist devices, materials or funds at ports, airports and land borders		
(i) <i>Build upon the Danish Presidency's initiative for the development of terrorist profiles, with a view to developing an operational tool</i>	No	Dec 2005

Objective 6: To address the factors which contribute to support for, and recruitment into, Terrorism

- Identify factors which contribute to recruitment to terrorism, both within the EU and internationally, and develop a long-term strategy to address these

(i) Contribute to the preparation of an EU compendium of threat assessments in the fight against terrorism, which will incorporate a thematic assessment of the underlying factors in the recruitment to terrorism

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