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Council conclusions concerning an updated handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved

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The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union's objective is, inter alia, to provide citizens with a high level of safety within an area of freedom, security and justice by developing common action among the Member States in the field of police *mutatis mutandis* in connection with other international cooperation as laid down under Title V of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (2) On 21 June 1999 the Council adopted a Resolution concerning a handbook for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence disturbances in connection with international football matches¹.
- (3) This Resolution was first replaced by the Council Resolution of 6 December 2001 and later on by the Council Resolution of 4 December 2006 concerning a handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved².

¹ OJ C 196, 13.7.1999, p. 1.

² OJ C 322, 29.12.2006, p. 1-39.

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- (4) The current Resolution suggests that amendments to the handbook be proposed in the light of recent experience.
- (5) Taking into account experience in recent years, such as the World Cup 2006 and the European Championships in 2008 and the experts' assessment of international police cooperation in the framework of those tournaments as well as extensive police cooperation in respect of international and club matches in Europe generally and comparable developments and experiences in respect of other sporting events with an international dimension, the handbook annexed to the aforementioned resolution of 4 December 2006 has been revised and updated.
- (6) The changes included in the annexed updated handbook are without prejudice to existing national provisions, in particular the divisions and responsibilities among the different authorities and services in the Member States concerned, and to the exercise by the Commission of its powers under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION,

- (1) The Council requests Member States to continue to further enhance police cooperation in respect of football matches (and, where appropriate, other sporting events) with an international dimension.
- (2) To that end, the updated handbook annexed hereto provides examples of strongly recommended working methods that should be made available to the police.
- (3) This Resolution replaces the Council Resolution of 4 December 2006."
