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from : Presidency and CT Coordinator

Subject : EU Action Plan on combating terrorism

Delegations will find attached a draft revised Action Plan, drawn up under the four strands of the EU CT Strategy. It takes account of the Commission Staff Working Document - Revised Action Plan on Terrorism issued on 24 May 2006 (SEC (2006) 686). It does not, however, cover the Annexes to the document, which have already been covered in other Council documents, including the most recent report by the EU CT Co-ordinator to the European Council on Implementation of the Action Plan to Combat Terrorism (9589/06).

ACTION PLAN

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1 PREVENT				
1.1 DISRUPT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORKS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO DRAW PEOPLE INTO TERRORISM				
1.1.1	Implementation of the Council strategy and action plan on radicalisation and recruitment.	Council/MS/ Commission	Ongoing	<p>Deadlines are set according to the individual measures in the R&R action plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert group on violent radicalisation has been set up by the Commission in April 2006. First report on the state of play of research in the field expected in the second half of-2006 • Commission to organise a conference on role of media in countering violent radicalisation • journalist training programmes and, regional language broadcasts of European television and radio news in Middle Eastern and North African countries <p>A research project on Transnational terrorism and rule of law-funded within the 6th Framework Programme for RTD, to start in June 2006 will address radicalization.</p> <p>On 1/2 June 2006 the Council noted ongoing work on the Media Communication Strategy. In July 2006, the Media Communication Strategy will be sent to the Council for approval.</p>
1.1.2	Promote community policing including through improved	MS/ CEPOL/ Council	Ongoing	Task undertaken by CEPOL. (awaiting CEPOL work programme 2007).

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	training.			A manual of best practices was drawn up recently as a result of the CT Cospol project and distributed to EU law enforcement agencies. (See also 3.3.2)
1.1.3	Put in place a legal framework to prevent individuals from inciting violence and exchange information on incitement.	MS/ Council / Commission	Ongoing	Obligation according to UNSC 1624 as well as under the European Convention on the Prevention of terrorism France has introduced a draft Council Resolution on information exchange on the expulsion of radical preachers inciting violence and racial hatred (see document. 8663/06 ENFOPOL 77 ASIM 28
1.1.4	Enhance political dialogue and technical assistance including police training to help others outside the EU to disrupt the activities of networks and individuals who draw people into terrorism.	MS/ CTC/ Council / Commission	Ongoing	Terrorism is at the center of political dialogue with third countries. Police training has been provided at regional level (by CEPOL to Balkans and Mediterranean countries). See also 2.8.1, 3.7.9, 3.7.10, 3.7.11, 3.7.12, 4.6.2
1.1.5	Tackle radicalization in particular in key environments, for example prisons, places of religious training or worship.	MS/ Council	Ongoing	On 20/21 March 2006 the Presidency organised a seminar on radicalisation and recruitment, focussing on prisons (see document 10120/06 ENFOPOL 113 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE).
1.1.6	Measures against illegal extremist literature and other media.	MS/ Commission/SitCen	Sept. 2006	SitCen to prepare a report on satellite channels propagating extremism with a view to possible diplomatic steps in September.
1.1.7	Effective action against misuse of the Internet, inter alia, by sharing expertise, and exchanging national assessments and analyses and, where relevant, acting in common against extremist websites.	MS/ Commission/Europol/ Council	Ongoing	Contained in the policy recommendations drawn up on the basis of SitCen reports. On 28/29 March 2006 the Presidency and Europol

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				organised a seminar on the use of the Internet by terrorists (see document 10120/06 ENFOPOL 113 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE).
1.1.8	Make more efficient use of relevant external assistance programmes including in particular support for good governance and the rule of law to address factors which can contribute to the support for terrorism.	MS/Council/Commission	Ongoing	EC assistance mainly consists of capacity building assistance in the fields of good governance and the rule of law thus addressing factors contributing to the support for terrorism. Examples of this work can be found in Euromed, Western Balkans and ASEM context or with Morocco and Algeria.
1.2 ENSURE THAT VOICES OF MAINSTREAM OPINION PREVAIL OVER THOSE OF EXTREMISM				
1.2.1	Empower moderate voices by engaging with Muslim organisations including through support for the Muslim community.	MS/ Commission/ Council	Ongoing	HoM's will be requested to provide a report on moderate and democratic Islamist organisations in a selected number of countries with a view to future engagement
1.2.2	Support the availability of moderate religious literature.	MS/ Commission	Ongoing	
1.2.3	Encourage Muslim communities not to rely on external Imams, including through enhanced training.	MS	Ongoing	
1.2.4	Develop a non-emotive lexicon for discussing radicalization.	Commission/ Council/ CTC	June 2006	On 1/2 June 2006 the Council noted ongoing work on the Media Communication Strategy, containing the first three entries of the common lexicon. Further entries will be added under the Finnish Presidency.
1.2.5	Develop a comprehensive communication strategy to explain EU policies and hold a conference with media professionals and terrorist experts to discuss radicalisation. Put in place	MS/Commission/ Council/ CTC	June 2006	Commission to start work on eg organizing a conference on role of media in countering violent radicalisation. On 1/2 June 2006 the Council noted ongoing work on

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	funding for journalist training programmes and regional language broadcasts of European television and radio news and other initiatives in ME and North African countries.			the Media Communication Strategy. In July 2006, the Media Communication Strategy will be sent to the Council for approval.
1.3 PROMOTE SECURITY, JUSTICE, DEMOCRACY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL				
1.3.1	Target inequalities and discrimination where these exist within the EU and promote long-term integration where appropriate.	MS/ Commission	Ongoing	The Commission issued a Communication proposing a common agenda for integration (Com 2005/389 Final)
1.3.2	Make proposals for enhancing inter-cultural dialogue.	MS/ Council/ Commission/ CTC	Ongoing	Ongoing dialogue in e.g. Euromed. Research projects funded under the 6th Framework Programme for RTD address inter-cultural dialogue (e.g. RAMSES project in the Mediterranean area) and more research is planned in the 7 th Research Framework Programme (2007-2013).
1.3.3	Promote good governance, democracy, education and economic prosperity outside the EU.	MS/ Commission/ Council/ Presidency	Ongoing	Commission is undertaking good governance and democratization programmes in number of 3rd countries.
1.4 ASSESSMENTS AND ANALYSIS				
1.4.1	Annual Review of the Radicalisation Strategy assisted by Strategic analysis of the radicalization process.	Council/ SitCen/CTC	Annual (end 2006)	First annual review will be undertaken by Finnish presidency.
1.4.2	Enhance co-operation between research institutions in the context of the EU multi-annual research programme.	Council/ Commission	Mid-2006	An expert group on violent radicalisation. has been set up by the Commission in April 2006. First report on state of play of research in the field expected in the second half of 2006.

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1.4.3	Conduct more detailed studies, including academic studies, of recruitment in specific contexts such as prisons, schools, mosques; studies in the role of the media, including the internet.	Council/Commission		The Commission is currently considering applications for three studies on violent radicalisation. Work is expected to start mid-July
1.4.4	Continue to investigate the links between extreme religious or political beliefs, as well as socio-economic and other factors, and support for terrorism, building on work already undertaken in this area, and identify response measures.	Council/Commission		Sitcom to include relevant material in assessments. Working Groups to make policy recommendations as appropriate. Research projects ongoing in the 6th Framework Programme include research on links between socio-economic and other factors contributing to terrorism.

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2. PROTECT				
2.1 THREAT AND RISK ASSESSMENTS				
2.1.1	Carry out strategic assessments of terrorist threat	SitCen/Europol/MS	Ongoing	SitCen carries out regular reviews.
2.1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make structured use of threat assessment and analysis for the risk assessment, prevention and consequence management, – Stimulate, where necessary and through the appropriate channels, improved cooperation between intelligence services, national authorities and relevant emergency services such as civil protection, health and police. – Improve the bilateral exchange of information on cross-border risks 	Council/ Council Secretariat/ Cion/ Europol and MS	Ongoing	Two expert meetings were held. See 4.1.4.
2.2 SECURITY OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN				
2.2.1	<p>Reinforce security of the supply chain .</p> <p>Modernisation of the customs code/ Decision on e-customs .</p> <p>Bilateral and multilateral activities reinforcing supply chain security.</p>	<p>MS/ Commission</p> <p>Commission</p> <p>Commission/ Presidency/ MS</p>	<p>end 2006</p> <p>end 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Implementation of amendments (adopted in April 2005) to the Community Customs Code that relate to checks on the flow of goods by introducing a system of pre-arrival and pre-departure declarations and by using an improved system of data communication and information sharing between Member States.</p> <p>Proposal for a Regulation on enhancing supply chain security (doc. 6935/06 will be examined in the coming months. Proposals for a complete modernisation of the customs code and a Decision on e-customs have been presented end 2005. Aim i.a. to further strengthen and structure the measures to secure the supply chain and to speedily introduce electronic customs.</p>

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				Container security initiative, WCO framework of standards, multi-agency Joint Customs Operation ("Protect"), CCWG's informal counter-terrorism project group "second action plan to take forward customs counter-terrorism initiatives" (14054/05).
2.3 PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE				
2.3.1	Establish a European Programme for Critical Infrastructure protection (EPCIP), including the Critical Infrastructure Warning and Information Network (CIWIN) .	Council/Commission	End 2006.	See Council conclusions of EPCIP of 1/12/2005 (14766/05), which set out the key principles for this purpose, including an all-hazards approach. Cion finalized its consultation process on its Green Paper of November 2005 (14910/05) in March 2006 On 28 March 2006, Cion held an expert meeting on critical maritime infrastructures. Cion plans to submit a proposal on EPCIP and to draft a proposal on the establishment of CIWIN by end 2006.
2.3.2	Put in place adequate protective measures against electronic attack on key computer systems.	MS	16 March 2007	Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA of 24 February 2005, OJ L 69, 16.3.2005, p. 67 sets a deadline for 16 March 2007.
2.3.3	EU electronic communications network and information security	Council/MS/COM/ENISA	Ongoing	The Commission Communication "A Strategy for a Secure Information Society - Dialogue, partnership and empowerment" (COM(2006) 251 final), adopted on 31 May 2006, plans, among others, to promote and launch (under umbrella of EPCIP) a multi-stakeholders dialogue to develop a specific approach for the ICT sector.
2.3.4	Ensure full implementation of the CBRN programme (14627/02). and Solidarity Programme (15480/04)	Council/Commission/MS	Ongoing	The 2002 CBRN-programme was replaced by the 2004 Solidarity Programme. Their aims (vulnerability reduction by monitoring of infrastructures, public awareness raising, best practices and advisory

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				standards) are being fulfilled through the EPCIP programme.
2.4 TRANSPORT SECURITY				
2.4.1	Implement provisions of Regulation 2320/02 establishing common standards on civil aviation security, including staff screening, baggage, cargo and aircraft security.	Member States	Ongoing	Commission assessed implementation in its 2005 review. Ongoing legislative work to develop detailed implementing legislation (by comitology) to complement Regulation 2320/2002. Several implementing Regulations were adopted since 2003. 2003: 1486/2003, 1217/2003 and 622/2003. 2004: 68/2004 and 1138/2004. 2005: 781/2005 and 857/2005. 2006: 65/2006 and 240/2006.
2.4.2	Reinforce common standards on aviation security by adopting revised common rules in the field of civil aviation security (12588/05). Revision of Regulation 2320/2002.	Council/ EP	Mid 2006	A revised Reg.2320/2002 is in the process of co-decision.
2.4.3	Implement agreed EU standards on maritime security (Regulation) and security in ports (Directive).	MS/ Commission	Ongoing	a) Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council 2004 on enhancing ship and port facility security. The regulation incorporates the maritime security measures adopted in December 2002 by IMO into Community legislation in order to prevent acts of terrorism against ships. b) Directive 2005/65/EC of 26.10.2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing port security. It aims at complementing (EC) No 725/2004 on enhancing ship and port facility security. The purpose of the Directive is to enhance security in areas of ports not covered by the Regulation and to ensure that security measures implemented in application of the Regulation benefit from enhanced security in the port. The Directive does not create new

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				obligations in areas covered by the regulation.
2.4.4	Consider the scope for EU level action on road and rail security.	Council/Commission	Ongoing	Commission to make proposals on all modes of transport including financing issues and land passenger transport. Commission is planning to issue a Communication on transport security including financial issues, Communication on land passenger transport, Communication on enhancing supply chain security and Communication on transport critical infrastructure by the end of 2006.
2.5 BORDER CONTROL				
2.5.1	Council Decision and Regulations on the SIS II.	Commission/ Council/ EP	July 2006	Presently being discussed by Schengen Acquis working party and the European Parliament.
2.5.2	Council Regulation on VIS	Council/ EP / Commission	October 2006	Under negotiation in Council and EP. SCIFA reviewed the proposal and agreed on a number of PRES amendments.
2.5.3	(Technical) Establishment of the VIS Roll out the use of biometrics under the VIS to countries/regions of high risk.	Council/ Commission/MS	Begin operations 2007	As regards VIS, there are two different actions: 1) Implementation of the central VIS by COM. 2) Roll-out: by MS , following a coherent approach agreed in the Council.

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2.5.4	(Technical) Establishment of the SIS II	Council/ Commission	Begin operational Mid 2007	As regards SIS II, there are two different actions: 1) Implementation of the central SIS; this is for COM to do. 2) National Projects: This is for MS to do. Beware: SIS II can only get operational if all MS completed their projects in due time.
2.5.5	Improve security of EU passports by use of biometrics, including facial image and fingerprints in order to prevent identity fraud.	MS	August 2006 (facial image) 28 June 2009	The introduction of biometrics in all relevant ID documents. Tech.spec. were adopted on 28 June 2006. (3 years form the adoption (2009) fingerprints will be included.
2.5.6	Develop and implement a common EU approach to the exchange and analysis of passenger information: agree Directive on airline passenger name records.	Commission/ Council/ EP	2007	As soon as the Agreement with the US is prepared (October 2006) Commission will begin working on the Directive.
2.5.7	Feasibility Study on appropriate measures to register entries and exits of third country nationals at the common external border, and developing the use of biometrics at entry and exit controls of third country nationals at the Schengen borders.	Commission	June 2007	As set out in doc 11910/1/05 Commission is undertaking this feasibility study taking into account the proportionality and practicality of additional checks at the borders against the potential advantages of recording and using the resulting information.

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2.5.8	Effective risk analysis of the EU external border, discussion of the contribution which border security makes to the CT effort, and effective information exchange with Europol.	Frontex / Council	Regularly	Frontex produces yearly a comprehensive risk analysis covering all external borders of the Member States of the EU. In addition, tailored risk analyses are produced analysing either specific phenomena or particular regions. Threat analysis on the most important joint operations will partly be produced in cooperation and collaboration with Europol. Periodical bulletins on the situation at the external borders will also be published.
2.6 PROTECTION OF OTHER POTENTIAL TARGETS				
2.6.1	Improve protection of other potential targets of terrorist attack, other than critical infrastructures (ie soft targets, crowded places, public transport) on the basis of relevant research.	MS/ Council/ Commission	Ongoing	The issue should be covered by EPCIP, Preparatory actions on security research 2004-2006, 7th R&D Programmes. (See also points 2.3.1, 2.7.1)
2.7 RESEARCH				
2.7.1	Make best use of EU research level activity, and in particular the 6th and 7th R&D Programmes, including the Security Research Programme (8087/05).	Council/Commission	Dec.2006	The three-year Preparatory Action (2004-2006) will lay the ground for a fully fledged "European Security Research Programme" to be launched in 2007 as a part of the 7th Framework Programme for research. In the 7th Programme the Commission proposes to include Security as one of the research themes. The Council will have to agree the FP by end 2006.
2.7.2	Scientific Support to Policies.	Commission	Ongoing	In the field of biological and chemical terrorism, the 6th Framework Programme's Scientific Support to Policies activities cover "Civil protection (including biosecurity and protection against risks arising from terrorist attack) and crisis management". Research is currently ongoing on biological agents, risk assessment, crop bioterrorism and modelling the propagation of bioterrorist agents.

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2.8 INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION				
2.8.1	Deliver assistance on protective security as a component of technical assistance to priority third countries.	MS/ Commission	Ongoing	Border, airport and maritime security are components of proposed assistance to Morocco and Algeria.
2.8.2	Implement the Economic Initiative of the June 2005 EU-US Summit: Joint EU-US Work Programme (PDBTS).	Commission/ MS/ Council	Ongoing	Continue the implementation of the various actions e.g. dialogue on AML/CFT issues, enhancing Trade, Travel and Security.
2.8.3	Raise the importance of responsible and robust aviation security in bilaterals with third parties.	MS/Commission/Council/Presidency		Contained in the policy recommendations drawn up on the basis of SitCen reports.
2.8.4	Work to develop further EU transport security standards, in coordination with relevant international organizations and third countries.	Council/Commission	Ongoing	On 11 March 2004 the Council agreed to submit to ICAO a Working Paper on PNR on behalf of the European Community and its MS, thereby initiating multilateral work on this subject. On 22 September 2004 the Presidency submitted a working paper on establishing an international framework for the transfer of PNR data to the ICAO 35th Assembly (28/09-8/10/04).

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2.8.5	Encourage and support non-EU states to comply fully with the ICAO and IMO standards.	Council/Commission	Ongoing	In the field of maritime security, the Community has launched a review of the implementation of the IMO's security measures for the EUROMED partners through a program called SAFEMED (2006/2008). Morocco is benefiting from a twinning program financed by the Community for the enhancement of maritime safety and security. Member States support the EU's multinational initiative on PNR at ICAO with a view to promoting the development of global standards.
2.8.6	Follow up to Container Security Initiative (CSI) Examination of extension to other regions.	Commission	Ongoing	EC/US Agreement allows for co-operation on exchange of advance cargo information and creation of equal levels and standards of controls for US and EC operators. Implementation actions are ongoing
2.8.7	Strengthen international cooperation at the level of WCO. Encourage and support non-EU states to comply fully with the Framework of Standards from WCO.	MS/Commission	Ongoing	The WCO adopted in July 2005 a framework of standards with the objective of increasing the supply chain security. Adoption of the implementing provisions of the Community customs code that are in principle in line with these standards Provide support on capacity building to priority non-EU members.

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3. PURSUE				
3.0.1	Implementation of Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism .	Commission / MS	End 2006	20 Member States have reported completion of implementation measures. The Council has adopted the Presidency's report on the implementation (11687/2/04 DROIPEN 40 REV 2) which is based on the report from the Commission. The Commission plans to submit a new report by the end of 2006.
3.0.2	MS to report on how they have responded to the recommendations of the Peer Evaluation process to strengthen national CT arrangements and –assess need for further evaluation once MS have reported on follow up to recommendations during 2006.	MS/ CTC	End 2006	Member States to report in the Working Party on Terrorism how they have responded to the recommendations of the relevant country report and, where appropriate, the recommendations of the final report. 20 MS have reported so far.
3.1 INFORMATION GATHERING, ANALYSIS, AND EXCHANGE				
3.1.1	Framework Decision on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the MS (Swedish proposal).	Council	December 2006	General approach at 1-2 December 2005 Council. Parliamentary scrutiny reservation still outstanding. (DK)
3.1.2	Framework Decision on the principle of availability.	Council	End 2007	Currently being discussed in the MDG/Article 36 Committee
3.1.3	Framework Decision on Data Protection.	Council	End 2007	Currently being discussed in the MDG.
3.1.4	Ensure access of authorities competent for internal security matters and Europol to VIS.	Council	End 2006	Commission proposal on access to VIS by authorities competent for internal security matters and Europol (COM (2005) 600) tabled on 24 November 2005 and is currently being discussed in the PCWG and Article 36 Committee

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3.1.5	Enhancing the interoperability of VIS, SIS II, and EURODAC	Commission/ Council/ EP	Ongoing	Commission Communication was presented in Council December 2005. The document has been discussed in the ad-hoc group on information exchange on 15/5 (see CM 1687/06). The result of that meeting was discussed on the Art. 36 committee of 8/6 (CM 1928/06/ outcome :10498/06). Presidency paper is expected.
3.1.6	Improve information sharing on lost and stolen passports.	MS	December 2006	Common Position adopted 24-01-05, report on implementation presented in April 2006. There are large improvements in Member States providing info on lost and stolen passports. There is still work to do to ensure widespread consultation in Member States of data from third countries.
3.1.7	Implement Directive on the retention of data generated or processed in connection with the provision of publicly available electronic communications services or a public communication network and amending Directive 2002/58/EC.	MS	Sept.2007	Directive 2006/24/EC of 15 March 2006 on the retention of data was adopted and published in OJ L 105, 13.04.2006, p. 54.
3.1.8	Ensuring that Europol is provided by MS law enforcement authorities with all relevant terrorist related criminal information as soon as it is available and that Eurojust is provided with all relevant prosecutorial information, in the context of the Council Decision on the exchange of information concerning terrorist offences adopted in September 2005.	MS	Ongoing	Second Europol CTTF evaluation report was endorsed by the Council. See also 3.4.2

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3.1.9	Work to improve the exchange of information on convictions.	Council/ Commission	end 2006	<p>Commission adopted on 22 December 2005 a proposal for a Council Framework Decision COM (2005) 690 2005/0267 (CNS) on the organisation and content of the exchange of information extracted from criminal records between MS. A further proposal should be adopted in 2006 to improve access to information on convictions handed down in the European Union against third country nationals.</p> <p>The work to improve the exchange of information on convictions shall take into account the results of the German-French-Spanish-Belgian pilot project of interconnection of the national judicial register.</p> <p>Commission ordered a study on the convergences and divergences in of the content of the criminal records of the MS. The results of these studies will be known in July 2006.</p>
3.1.10	Improve the exchange of information between Europol and Eurojust and ensure full involvement of Eurojust in AWFs of Europol, once the legal preconditions have been put in place (3rd Protocol amending the Europol Convention.).	Europol / Eurojust	Dec. 2006	Europol and Eurojust should present proposals in due course.
3.1.11	Make full use of Europol analysis capability (including CTTF).	Europol/MS	Ongoing	CTTF evaluation reports and Europol annual reports presented regularly to the Council
3.1.12	Developing a common approach to the exchange of information on deportations and expulsions related to terrorism, including radical imams.	Council	end 2006	France has introduced a draft Council Resolution on information exchange on the expulsion of radical preachers inciting violence and racial hatred (see document. 8663/06 ENFOPOL 77 ASIM 28
3.2 IMPEDING TERRORISTS' MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES				

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3.2.1	Monitor travel to and from conflict zones.	MS/Council	Ongoing	Covered in SitCen Work programme
3.2.2	Prevent individuals from gaining access to terrorist training.	MS/ Europol	Ongoing	Addressed in the policy recommendations based on the SitCen reports.
3.2.3	Maximise the capacity of existing border systems to monitor, and, where relevant, counter the movement of suspected terrorists across our internal and external borders (see also Protect).	Frontex	Ongoing	FRONTEX Agency will develop and maintain a record of technical equipment and devices for the potential use of Member states on request. Frontex will also maintain a record of national experts from Member States who might be called upon to respond to a particular situation. Joint operations were and will continue to be launched at land, air and sea borders.
3.3 POLICE CO-OPERATION				
3.3.1	Develop the European Crime Intelligence Model with the assistance of the Police Chiefs Task Force.	PCTF/ Council	Ongoing	Europol presented 1st OCTA in April 2006 and the Council approved conclusions on that basis, which are to be implemented by PCTF (see also 3.3.2) and other law enforcement actors.
3.3.2	Review how operational capacity of the PCTF can be reinforced.	PCTF/ Council	Ongoing	Implementing the Council conclusions on the priorities in the fight against organised crime, PCTF agreed on 9 projects under COSPOL one of which on terrorism. The CT project group has produced a handbook or 'menu of options' for local law enforcement commanders not routinely involved in CT work. (The handbook is to be published by Europol on the secure website.)
3.3.3	Report on enhancing mutual trust between law enforcement authorities.	CEPOL/Europol, with input from Sitcen	2006	CEPOL and Europol to produce joint report on what CT related training they have so far provided and what more could be done.

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3.3.4	Proposal for a Council Decision on the improvement of police cooperation between the Member States of the European Union, especially at the internal borders, including proposals to improve police co-operation on cross border hot pursuit, and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement.	Council		Negotiations suspended by the Council on 27 April 2006.
3.3.5	Member States to consider their participation in the Treaty of Prüm; consideration to be given to implementation of its provisions, eg on exchange of information on potential terrorists.	MS	Ongoing	Details of this issue are included in doc 11910/1/05. Decisions are for individual Member States to be taken. 7 MS have so far signed the Treaty. Provisions of the Prüm Treaty, notably on DNA exchange, are being considered in negotiations on EU arrangements for DNA exchange.
3.3.6	Enhanced co-operation against terrorist use of the internet.	MS/ Europol	June 2007	Addressed in the policy recommendations based on the SitCen reports. On 28/29 March 2006 the Presidency and Europol organised a seminar on the use of the Internet by terrorists (see document 10120/06 ENFOPOL 113 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE). Finnish and German presidencies to provide follow up.
3.3.7	Further develop legal framework to remove illegal material from the internet.	Council / Commission / MS	June 2007	Subject of concern are e.g. manuals or instructions for homemade explosives or bombs. Commission is preparing seminars on legal and practical possibilities of regulations.
3.4 JUDICIAL CO-OPERATION				

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3.4.1	Framework Decision on a European Evidence Warrant.	Council	December 2006	Agreement on a general approach by Council on 1 June 2006. Further work on form and preamble by JHA Counsellors. Further work by Coreper.
3.4.2	Enhance use of Eurojust and consider measures to improve its capacity, to enable more effective co-operation in terrorist investigations and prosecutions including through the practical application of relevant Council Decisions.	MS/ CTC/ Eurojust		Several MS still need to implement Decision establishing Eurojust. See also the Eurojust annual report 2005 and the corresponding Council conclusions. (doc. 9125/1/06, doc. 7318/06) MS are obliged to take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of Council Decision 2005/671/JHA of 20 September 2005 on the exchange of information and co-operation concerning terrorist offences by 30 June 2006 at the latest.
3.4.3	Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to Confiscation Orders.	Council/Italy	As soon as possible	General approach reached mid 2004, awaiting lifting of one parliamentary reservation. (Italy)
3.4.4	Develop best practice in witness protection programmes, including the issue of granting residence permits to foreign nationals who co-operate with CT investigations. European Protection Programme for the protection of witnesses in terrorist cases.	Commission	Ongoing	Commission Communication on witness protection planned.
3.4.5	Make use of Joint Investigation Teams, when appropriate involving Europol and Eurojust, and consider options for funding JITs.	MS	Ongoing	Network of national experts on JITs established. First meeting took place on 23 November 2005. Funding issues to be considered in the context of discussions on the Security Framework Programme (prevention and fight against crime).
3.5 TERRORIST FINANCING (see also Strategy Terrorist Financing (16089/04) and its updates (11325/05, 14349/05 and 10526/06))				

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3.5.1	Review the EU's performance on Terrorist Financing in particular in respect of FATF special recommendations and act on recommendations.	Commission/ Council	June 2006	Commission have now launched independent review. Results are expected in second half of 2006.
3.5.2	Take forward national codes of conduct for Non-Profit Organisations (implementation FATF SR VIII).	MS/ Commission	June 2006	Council agreement on principles on 1-2 December 2005. Commission communication in November 2005; presentation in MDG (May 2006) and TWG (June 2006).
3.5.3	Adopt Regulation on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds (FATF SR VII).	Council/ EP	June 2006	Council general approach agreed on 6 December 2005. Work in EP is progressing and voting is expected in EP Plenary in July 2006
3.5.4	Improve the effectiveness of EU asset freezing procedures, including non-financial economic resources, in accordance with UN obligations and the need to respect due process and rule of law.	Council / Commission / CTC	2006	Coreper noted a revised Best Practices paper on restrictive measures including on the application of Community freezing measures.
3.5.5	Ensure national asset freezing capability and improve implementation of freezing procedures.	MS	End 2006	Guidelines on sanctions and Best Practices Paper under constant review. Latest updates adopted in December 2005 and June 2006. Various seminars organised by Presidencies will continue. FATF started in 2006 exchange of views on implementation of SR III among its members.
3.5.6	Adopt Directive on regulating the alternative remittance system (inter alia, implementation FATF SR VI).	Council/ EP/ Commission	End 2006	Commission adopted a proposal for a draft Directive on a New Legal Framework for Payments in the Internal Market in December 2005. Work is progressing in Financial Attaches Working Group. Aim is to reach political agreement in 2nd half 2006
3.5.7	Improve co-operation between investigation/law enforcement community including FIUs and financial supervisory authorities, including through the use of FIU.Net.	MS	Ongoing	Commission assessed the best practices in 25 MS in the communication adopted on 29. November, which contains a series of recommendations. 3 rd AML/CTF provides strong basis for cooperation.

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3.5.8	Ensure that financial investigation is a core part of all terrorist investigations.	MS/Commission	Ongoing	Commission organized an EU Forum meeting in March 2006 to which EU 25 and Candidate Countries were invited on Commission /Europol project to promote use of FI. Common training standards under elaboration in conjunction with Member State stakeholders
3.5.9	Implement the Third Money Laundering Directive.	MS	December 2007	Directive entered into force on 15 December 2005. Implementation by MS before mid-December 2007. MS voted on 10 June 2006 in order to adopt the first set of implementation measures Final formal adoption by COM envisaged for mid-July 2006 (expected publication on OJ in September 2006).
3.5.10	Initiate outreach programmes to EU financial private sector to coordinate procedures to combat terrorist financing.	Council/Commission	Ongoing	The Commission Communication adopted on 29 November 2005 addresses various ways in which public and private sector cooperation should be enhanced to ensure more effective fight against the financing of terrorism. Presentation in MDG (May 2006) and TWG (June 2006).
3.5.11	Implement Regulation on Cash Couriers (implementation FATF SR IX).	MS	June 2007	Directive enters into force in December 2005. Implementation by MS before June 2007.
3.5.12	Ratification and full implementation of the 1999 UN Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism and to give increased effect to the provisions of UNSCR 1373 directed to the freezing of assets.	MS	1 January 2005	All Member States have now ratified the Convention.
3.6 LIMIT TERRORISTS' ACCESS TO WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES				
3.6.1	Action on explosives, detonators, bomb-making equipment and fire arms in the context of the Commission	MS/ Commission/ Europol/ Council	Ongoing	Discussed in TWP during UK Presidency with policy recommendations agreed by Council. Next steps are for

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	Communication.			Commission to organize conference of all major stakeholders in first half of 2006. Analyse possibilities of making transmission of bomb-making expertise a crime under the Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism. Examine modification of related directives, eg Fertilizer regulation. Consideration of a monitoring regime regarding the precursors for home-made explosives. Consideration of improving the exchange of information on lost and stolen explosives.
3.6.2	Raise the importance of the adoption and enforcement of rigorous security regimes relating to weapons and explosives in bilaterals with third parties.	MS/ Council/ Presidency	Ongoing	Addressed in the policy recommendations based on the SitCen reports.
3.6.3	Improve control over illicit arms and explosives in the Balkans.	MS/ Council	Ongoing	To be covered in the implementation of the action oriented paper on Western Balkans.
3.7 INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION				
3.7.1	Support the key role of the United Nations and its sub-organisations in sustaining the international consensus and mobilizing the international community.	Council/EU CTC/Commission/MS	Ongoing	Reaffirm the key role of the UN in political dialogue with third countries.
3.7.2	Ratification of 13 UN legal instruments against Terrorism and continue to lobby for this in third countries both bilaterally and at EU level.	Council/EU CTC/Commission/MS	End 2006	Not all Member States yet have a full record on ratification/implementation. To do:

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				Work to ensure early ratification and implementation of all UN Conventions and Protocols on terrorism, including the UN Convention on the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, which was adopted on 13 May 2005. This convention was signed by all EU MS on 14 September 2005.
3.7.3	Support the adoption of a Comprehensive Convention on Terrorism including through proactive outreach.	Council/EU CTC/Commission/MS	Ongoing	EU has constantly raised this question in political dialogue meetings with third countries and in COTER Troika meetings with partners (US, Russia, Canada, India). It has also conducted specific demarches (eg Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iran and Pakistan).
3.7.4	Support the adoption of a United Nations Counterterrorism Strategy.	Council/EU CTC/Commission/MS	Ongoing	The EU has strongly supported the UN Secretary General's proposals for a UN CT strategy and is working to agree a strategy in meetings in New York.
3.7.5	Sign and ratify Council of Europe Convention on prevention of acts of terrorism.	Council/EU CTC/Commission/MS	As soon as possible	Work to ensure early ratification and subsequent implementation. Lobby for signature and ratification in third countries. Support the Council of Europe's work on combating terrorism in general.
3.7.6	Further develop contacts with the UNODC, UN CTC, the UN CTED, the 1267 Committee, including sharing of information on EU assistance programs and further develop contacts with the UN Special Representative for Human Rights and Terrorism.	Council/ EU CTC/ Commission/ MS	Ongoing	EU participation on CTED missions to Morocco, Kenya, Albania, Algeria, Tanzania, fYROM. UN CTED Executive Director attended the joint COTER/TWG meeting in April. The UN Special Representative for Human Rights and Terrorism attended the COTER meeting in May.

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3.7.7	Continue to make available voluntary contributions for the UNODC's Global Programme against Terrorism.	MS	Ongoing	
3.7.8	Identify and demarche, third countries which are failing to meet their commitments under UNSCR 1373.	Council/HR/EU CTC/ Commission/MS	Ongoing	The EU cooperates closely with the UN CTED to monitor which countries are failing to meet their commitments. So far, there have been no demarches.
3.7.9	Further develop dialogue, including aspects on terrorist financing ,with, and provision of technical assistance to, regional and sub-regional organizations.	Council/ EU CTC/ Commission/ MS	Ongoing	(i) Commission has been providing support to JCLEC and is working on the provision of assistance to the AU centre in Algiers. Council is preparing the instruments for the provision of a financial support to the AU centre through CFSP budget. Council, Commission and Member States to develop proposals for assistance to such organisations (ii) MS to supply expertise and funding to the maximum extent possible (iii) a network of experts has been set up (iv) EU organised a seminar on financing of terrorism with Gulf Cooperation Council in April 2006.
3.7.10	Enhance co-ordination between Member States and the Commission, on technical assistance projects, working closely with the United Nations and other donors.	Council/ EU CTC/Commission/MS	Ongoing	Provision of technical assistance to Morocco and Algeria in the context of the priority countries exercise is coordinated between MS and the Commission and also involves UNODC.
3.7.11	Deliver technical assistance to Morocco and Algeria in order to build their CT capacity, working closely with UN and other donors.	Council/MS/Commission	Ongoing	Programmes of assistance are now underway.
3.7.12	Develop and implement technical assistance programmes to other priority countries in order to build their CT capacity, in	Council/ EU CTC/Commission/	Ongoing	

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	co-ordination with the UN and other donors and review existing projects in priority countries to identify duplication. Further develop political dialogue with priority countries in order to strengthen political capacity in the fight against terrorism.	MS		HoMs have provided detailed CT analysis for Indonesia and Tunisia in order to investigate scope for further cooperation.
3.7.13	Cooperate closely with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on all issues regarding the financing of terrorism .	All	Ongoing	MS and the Commission cooperate closely to convey common views on EU policies in the FATF Plenary meetings. MONEYVAL has been granted associate membership of the FATF, allowing greater participation in FATF meetings. FATF interpretative notes contribute substantially to EU legislation and practice.
3.7.14	Mainstream CT objectives into the work of geographical working groups and external assistance programs include through the insertion of counter-terrorism clauses into agreements with third countries.	Council/ Commission	Ongoing	Commission is working on mainstreaming within external assistance programmes. Council is working on mainstreaming within agreements with third countries. In this context, CT clauses are prepared or revised for insertion into agreements.
3.7.15	Produce country and thematic CT threat assessments as the basis for policy development.	SitCen	Ongoing	First nine reports drawn up by SitCen and presented to the Working Party on Terrorism and COTER. The Article 36 Committee has equally dealt with a number of reports. Policy recommendations based on six reports to be endorsed by the Council.
3.7.16	Develop technical capacity for monitoring and analysing open source information relevant to third country CT activities.	SitCen/ MS/ Commission	Ongoing	

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3.7.17	Coordinated EU position on reservations to Conventions should be encouraged.	Council/MS	Ongoing	This issue is regularly discussed in COTER and COJUR.

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4. RESPOND				
4.1 CIVILIAN RAPID EU RESPONSE CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH OF A TERRORIST ATTACK				
4.1.1	Adopt the proposal for a recast of Council Decision 2001/792 establishing a Community mechanism in civil protection assistance (5865/06)	Council / Commission	End 2006	The proposal addresses response to disasters, including civil protection modules, and early warning. EP opinion expected for October 2006. Negotiations are ongoing within the Council.
4.1.2	Agree a proposal for a Council regulation establishing a Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument for major emergencies ("financial instrument") (12827/05).	Council	End 2006	The proposal addresses preparedness for disasters and their prevention. Negotiations are ongoing within the Council.
4.1.3	Follow up the Commission report on the assessment of civil protection assistance through the Mechanism in case of major terrorist attack in the EU, including the medical resources required to respond to a bio-terrorist attack .	Council	Mid 2006	Within the framework of the Community Mechanism, the Commission had developed response scenarios to identify the assistance available in case of terrorist attacks. The Commission report was noted by the JHA December 2005 Council and was discussed by the Working Parties on Civil Protection (6629/06) and on Public Health (8264/06). However, several MS considered that the provision of information on vaccines would not be possible at this stage. The report will be taken into account in the framework of the examination of the proposals on a Rapid Response Instrument and on a recast of the civil protection mechanism.
4.1.4	Improve the ability of MS to use a risk based approach to develop their capabilities to respond to national emergencies and those of their neighbours in a spirit of	Council		Two Workshops on the assessment of risks deriving from terrorism and other threats were held in London, on 27-28 September and 6 December 2005. Information was shared

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	solidarity.			on risk assessments methodologies and on good practices on how to use and communicate risks assessments.
4.1.5	Develop the concept of Civil Protection Modules, capable of rapid reaction, interoperable and trained to work together.	Commission/ Council	End 2006	This subject was discussed within a Commission ad hoc expert group during 2005. Discussions now continue in the framework of the examination of the proposal on the Recast of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism (see 4.1.1).
4.1.6	Make improvements to the Civil Protection Mechanism which do not require a new legal instrument.	Commission	Ongoing	The Commission, the Member States and the Presidency improve the functioning of the Mechanism in the light of lessons learnt exercises undertaken following exercises and each activation of the Mechanism. A lessons learnt meeting on the intervention following the earthquake in Indonesia is planned for July 2006.
4.1.7	Carry out training and exercises directed at interoperability in coping with terrorist attacks.	Commission/ Council	Ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Training activities in the framework of the Civil Protection Mechanism (induction, operational management and high-level coordination courses) help preparing first responders for assistance in case of major emergencies, including terrorism. 2) Three exercises focusing on terrorist related scenarios will be organized in 2006-2007, under the call for proposals launched by the Commission in 2005. 3) Cion is as of June 2006 conducting two new types of specific training course on assessment methodologies and on staff management for experts. Furthermore, senior managers who have attended the High Level Coordination Course are as of June 2006 offered an annual refresher course.

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4.1.8.	Agree a common insignia for EU intervention teams.	Commission	End 2006	Cion has designed and produced vests with common insignia for experts and team leaders. Cion is now working on additional insignia such as flags and stickers.
4.1.9	Improve exchange of information on victim identification	Council	December 2006	Council in dialogue with Interpol on the use and further development of Interpol's database.
4.1.10	Ensure appropriate consideration is given within Civilian Headline Goal 2008 to the deployment and further development of civilian capabilities (in particular Police, Rule of Law, Civilian Administration and Civil Protection), in order to prevent as well as counter the terrorist threats within the limitations of the mandate.	Council	November 2006	Consideration to use of ESDP civilian capabilities to counter terrorist threats in ESDP mission theaters is given in the CHG 2008 process by including such threats in the scenarios that are at the basis of the process. Consequently, the request for civilian resources to MS in the framework of the CHG process, as well as MS' replies, take into account the terrorism concern. Civilian resources indicated by MS will be confirmed at the Civilian Capabilities Improvement Conference in November 2006. As to the use of civil protection capabilities in consequence management under ESDP, interventions may be carried out with recourse to the community civil protection mechanism, under the provisions set down by the relevant Joint Council/Commission Declaration of September 2003.
4.1.11	Protect minority communities which may be at risk of a backlash in the event of a major attack.	Council/Commission		Continued monitoring by the European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia of racial violence and discrimination.
4.1.12	Ensure full implementation of the 2001 Commission programme on preparedness and response to biological and chemical agent attacks (Health Security) and the 2004 Solidarity Programme on the consequences of	Council/Commission/MS	Ongoing	a) Implemented regarding certain types of attacks and being widened to other types. b) Implemented through RAS-BICHAT (rapid alert system for biological and chemical attacks) c) <i>See 4.1.4.</i>

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	<p>terrorist threats (15480/04). Health Security Programme :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information and rules on handling of health-related issues following CB terrorist attacks b) Detection capability <p>Solidarity Program :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Using terrorist threat assessments and on assessing the vulnerabilities of potential targets d) Assessment of capabilities the MS can make available following an attack and upgraded the civil protection databases e) Vulnerability reduction of potential targets f) Interoperability between Civil Protection, police and military forces + common training g) Developing and interlinking the EU rapid alert systems h) Crisis response arrangements, including coordination of information to the public i) R&D j) International cooperation k) Assistance to EU citizens subject to attacks in third countries <p>Common to Health Security Programme and Solidarity Programme :</p> <p>Medicines stock and health services database; Sharing of information on pharmaceuticals and medical resources</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) <i>See 4.1.3.</i> e) <i>See 2.3.1.</i> f) <i>See 4.1.7.</i> g) <i>See 4.3.1.</i> h) <i>See 4.4.1.</i> i) <i>See 2.7</i> j) <i>See 4.6.</i> k) <i>See 4.6.3.</i> l) <i>See 4.1.3.</i>
4.2 MILITARY RAPID RESPONSE CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH OF A TERRORIST ATTACK				
4.2.1	Adapt the military database of assets and capabilities relevant to the protection of civilian populations against the effects of terrorist attacks (including CBRN) to reflect its expansion to all types of natural and man-made disasters.	Council/Commission	End 2006.	Work has continued in Council working groups but as yet no agreement has been reached on the first report on the military database of assets. See also 4.2.7. Progress on that point would open the way for the database to be adapted.

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4.2.2	Elaboration of a detailed report on modalities procedures and criteria to develop the appropriate level of interoperability between military and civilian capabilities in the framework of protection of civilian populations following a terrorist attack, including in crisis management operations under Title V of the TEU.	Council/MS	End 2006	Follow up to be considered by the Council and MS.
4.2.3	Follow-up the "trilateral initiative" at NATO in the framework of civil emergency planning in crisis management (cf. 14797/04 sub 19.1).	Council/ Commission	Ongoing	The EU will continue to seek ways to cooperate with NATO in the context of the "trilateral initiative". The Secretariat, with the participation of the Commission, will continue to maintain the necessary contacts with the IS to ensure the exchange of information and to enable PSC-NAC and PMG-PCG meetings to be held with all the Member States.
4.2.4	Ensure the terrorist threat is incorporated into the illustrative scenarios of the Headline Goal 2010 .	Council	Ongoing	This has been done but the terrorist threat should continue to be incorporated in future revisions of the illustrative scenarios
4.2.5	Improve protection of all personnel, material and assets deployed for crisis management operations under Title V of the TEU, including, as appropriate, the ability to protect possible key civilian targets, including critical infrastructure, in the area of operations within available means and capabilities and on a case by case basis based on the threat analysis.	Council	Ongoing	This issue is taken into account in all operations. It is also factored into to both the civilian and military headline goal processes. The EDA is working on several projects to enhance protection.
4.2.6	General framework for the use of Member States military	Council	End 2006	The general framework was noted by the Council in May

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	or military chartered transportation assets and ESDP coordination tools in support of EU disaster response			2006 and the way ahead agreed. Detailed modalities for the use of military transport will be finalized by the end of 2006.
4.2.7.	Military support to EU disaster response : identification of assets and capabilities and proposals for coordination of the use of these assets	Council	End 2006	This is under discussion in Council working groups. So far EUMC and CODEV have finalized their advice on the working paper and PROCIV is now in the process of doing so as well. After discussion in PSC, the document should go to Coreper in the second half of 2006 in order to agree proposals for the Council.
4.3. EARLY WARNING OF TERRORIST ATTACKS				
4.3.1	Create a secure general rapid alert system to link all existing specialised rapid alert systems for emergencies that require action at European level : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ARGUS (Commission) - Establishment of links between Commission and Council Services and other competent authorities. 	Commission, Council, Member States	End 2006	The ARGUS network of the Commission is operational as of January 2006. In the final stage, it will interconnect all specialised rapid alert systems for emergencies that require action on the European level.
4.3.2	Timely analysis of attacks carried out by terrorists.	Sitcen	Ongoing	Regular SitCen reports
4.4 CAPABILITIES TO COORDINATE EFFECTIVELY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RESPONSE				
4.4.1	Implement EU Crisis Coordination arrangements to share information, ensure coordination and enable collective decision-making at politico-strategic level in the event of an emergency .	Council / Commission	Report in December 2006	Crisis coordination Arrangements were agreed by the Council in December 2005 (15106/05). A manual on EU emergency and crisis coordination was endorsed by the JHA Council on 1-2 June 2006, containing inter alia : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interim EU Emergency and Crisis Coordination Arrangements in Brussels,
4.4.2	Agree Integrated Crisis Management Arrangements			

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	which develop the necessary procedures for the above EU Crisis Coordination arrangements.			<p>– links between the different rapid response centers of the Commission (ARGUS), the Council (SITCEN), EU-bodies (Europol), Member States and international organisations.</p> <p>The system will be tested in autumn 2006. A report will be sent to Council in December 2006.</p>
4.5 ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS				
4.5.1	Ensure that support and assistance is provided to the victims of terrorism.	MS / Commission	End 2006	Commission will launch a call for proposals for pilot projects supporting victims of terrorism, including actions to commemorate the first "victims of terrorism day". Cion to report on progress by end 2006.
4.6 INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION				
4.6.1	Establishing working and cooperation methods, concepts and procedures between the EU and the UN.	Council/ Commission	Ongoing	<p>Cion and UNOCHA exchanged, on 18 October 2004, letters on cooperation in civil protection.</p> <p>A seminar on EU-UN cooperation in disaster management was held in Salzburg in May 2006.</p> <p>Further cooperation will be considered under Finnish and German Presidencies.</p>
4.6.2	Cooperate with the United States	Council/ Commission	Ongoing	<p>The Joint Declaration of the EU-US summit of Dromoland on combating terrorism, of 26 June 2004 (10782/04) concern cooperation to deal with the consequences of terrorist attacks in the areas of crisis management, CBRN, communication with the public, and assistance to stricken countries. The Presidency sketched, at the EU-US Ministerial Troika on Justice and Home Affairs held in Vienna on 3 May 2006, the efforts of the EU to establish the EPCIP Programme. (9223/06)</p> <p>Further steps under consideration.</p>

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4.6.3	Cooperate with the Russian Federation	Council/ Commission	Ongoing	The Ministerial EU-Russian Permanent Partnership Council meetings of Luxembourg, 13 October 2005 (13289/05) and of Moscow, 21-22 March 2006, agreed to organise clusters of seminars/conferences which would bring together experts and practitioners, including where appropriate the G8, on, i.a., protection of critical infrastructure, preparedness (including training of special units) contingency planning in emergency situations and sharing of information. Further steps under consideration.
4.6.4	Deliver technical assistance on consequence management as a component of technical assistance to priority third countries.	MS/ Council/ Commission	Ongoing	Training on crisis management in response to an attack has been offered to Morocco in the context of the priority countries assistance programme.
4.6.5	Reinforce the protection of European citizens in third countries.	MS/Council/Commission	Ongoing	In April 2005, the Commission proposed to make the MIC available to facilitate and support consular cooperation in the event of major emergencies in third countries, affecting EU citizens. This was welcomed by the GAERC on 18.07.05. The possible support of the Civil Protection Mechanism to the protection of EU citizens in third countries is included in the Commission proposal on the recast of the Civil Protection Mechanism (4.1.1)
4.7 RESEARCH				Research should, in particular, aim at promoting interoperability.
4.7.1	Implementation of the 6th Framework Programme for Research and Development.	Commission		Within PASR Comm is funding a research project on fight against terrorism aiming at protection of railway passengers (Proposals selected under PARS are receiving budget 15 mil/year)

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4.7.2.	7th R&D Programme, including the Security Research Programme (8087/05).	Council	End 2006	Council decision expected before end 2006. In the proposal for the 7 th Framework Programme the Commission proposes to include Security as one of the research themes in order to develop the technologies and knowledge for building capabilities needed to ensure the security of citizens from threats such as terrorism and crime.