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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Resolution 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 ("EU Football Handbook")

1. On 5-6 December 2013, the Council adopted Conclusions with the 2014-2016 EU Work Programme on minimising risks to safety, security and public order in connection with sports events, in particular football matches, with an international dimension¹. One of the actions foreseen in the Work Programme was for the experts for major sports events to prepare proposals for the update of the "EU Football Handbook" in the light of experience with Euro 2012 and the Pan-European Football Policing Training Project as well as other relevant projects.

¹ 16373/13

2. On the basis of the input of the European Think Tank of Football Safety and Security Experts and its dedicated subgroup, the experts for major sports events at the meeting on 16 September 2016 approved the draft 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 ("EU Football Handbook").
 3. The Law Enforcement Working Party reached agreement on the draft Council Resolution concerning the updated EU Football Handbook at its meeting on 29 September 2016, as set out in 12795/16.
 4. COREPER is invited to submit the draft Council Resolution set out in the Annex of 12795/16 to the Council and to suggest that it adopts this draft Resolution and orders its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
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