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NOTE

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Introduction

On the basis of a Joint Situation Centre paper 'Anatomy of a terrorist network', the Terrorism Working Group discussed what action was required in order to dismantle existing networks and prevent the development of new terrorist networks. From that discussion the Presidency drafted a set of policy recommendations for future action. These recommendations were discussed in the TWG on 3 November, where, following discussion and broad agreement, it was agreed that they would be sent to CATS. The policy recommendations are set out below.

The Presidency's intention for the CATS meeting on 16 November is to invite the Director of the Situation Centre to give a brief introduction of the SitCen paper on this subject. There will then be a discussion on the policy recommendations set out below. Providing CATS can agree them at this meeting, they will then be forwarded to Coreper and Council, to be integrated in due course into the planned EU Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

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Policy Recommendations

Tackling the factors which contribute to the emergence of terrorism amongst those resident in the EU

1. Implement the measures detailed in the EU Radicalisation and Recruitment action plan to counter the main factors promoting the development of local Islamist extremist networks within Europe. **ACTION: MEMBER STATES, COUNCIL AND COMMISSION**

Improving the capacity to monitor and, where relevant, restrict the movement of suspected terrorists into and out of the EU

2. Promote awareness of the terrorist threat and the potential for movement of suspected Islamist extremists among border authorities and officials. **ACTION: MEMBER STATES, COMMISSION AND EUROPOL**

3. Maximise the capacity of existing border systems:
 - i) to counter the risk of suspected terrorists coming into the EU;
 - ii) to help monitor the movement of suspected EU-based terrorists into and out of the Union.

ACTION: MEMBER STATES AND COMMISSION

Taking measures to make it more difficult to engage in terrorist activity and terrorist facilitation within the EU

4. Explore what further measures may be introduced to make the EU a difficult operating environment for terrorists, for instance in the areas of terrorist financing, the acquisition and use of false documentation and the circulation of knowledge relevant to these activities. **ACTION: MEMBER STATES, COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND COMMISSION**

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Developing tools to identify and analyse terrorist networks more effectively

5. Undertake research and exchange best practice on analytical tools to fully identify terrorist networks and to map the roles and responsibilities of their members. **ACTION: MEMBER STATES, EUROPOL AND COMMISSION**

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