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Delegations will find attached the partially declassified version of the above-mentioned document.

  

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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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*The Strategy for the External Dimension of JHA (15446/05) endorsed on 1 December 2005 by the Justice and Home Affairs Council mentioned that the EU should take forward work on Action Oriented Papers on several specific issues, including strengthening counter-terrorism co-operation with North Africa (while noting that work with other priority third countries on terrorism should continue).*

*If such an Action Oriented Paper should be drafted, it would certainly be based on an overview of the current Counter terrorism technical assistance to Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, as it has been described in an Information note of the COTER working party.*

*That information note is annexed to this cover note as a RESTREINT document.*

*The question should be raised whether it is opportune at this stage to write a paper describing the current situation, in the format of an Action Oriented Paper, or whether it is better to wait a while before drafting the AOP so as to assess how the current cooperation has developed.*

*The Presidency intends to sound out the delegations in CATS if they agree to leave the issue as it is now and to come back to Council with a state of play on Counter-Terrorism Cooperation with North Africa at a later stage, possibly under German Presidency.*

*In any case, it seems useful that Member states make available to the Council secretariat an overview of their current bilateral programmes and activities with these countries on fighting terrorism.*

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