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Delegations are informed that the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 17/2014 entitled "Can the EU's Centres of Excellence initiative contribute effectively to mitigating chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear risks from outside the EU?" has been published<sup>1</sup>.

The Special Report was adopted by the Court at its meeting on 7 October 2014 and is accompanied by the replies from the Commission, which was notified of the preliminary findings on 3 June 2014.

The report is also available on the Court's website: <http://eca.europa.eu>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 434, 4.12.2014, p. 2.