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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the European Union response to CBRN related risks, reducing access to explosive

1. On 18 October 2017, the Commission adopted:
 - an action plan to support the protection of public spaces¹
 - an action plan to enhance preparedness against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security risks²; and
 - a recommendation on immediate steps to prevent misuse of explosives precursors³.
2. On 7 November 2017, the Commission presented the two action plans and the recommendation to the Terrorism Working Party (TWP).

1 13489/17
2 13484/17
3 13721/17

3. The draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the European Union response to CBRN related risks, reducing access to explosive precursors and protecting public spaces acknowledging the need for enhancing measures within the three areas mentioned were subsequently discussed at the JHA Counsellors meeting of 14 and 22 November 2017, following which an agreement was reached on the revised version set out in the Annex I to 14074/3/17.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement on the draft Council Conclusions on strengthening the European Union response to CBRN related risks, reducing access to explosive precursors and protecting public spaces, as set out in the Annex to 14974/3/17, and to submit them to the Council for adoption.
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