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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Conclusions on the strengthening of the ATLAS Network - Adoption

1. In the context of current challenges for the security in Europe, the Presidency decided, amongst other measures, to enable the ATLAS network of Special intervention units to step up its cooperation in a number of areas.
2. To that end, the Presidency prepared draft Council Conclusions on the strengthening of the ATLAS Network, which were discussed in a joint meeting of the Terrorism Working Party (TWP) and the Law Enforcement Working Party (LEWP) on 12 September 2017, as well as at the TWP meeting on 5 October 2017, with the participation of LEWP delegates.
3. A final examination of the draft Council Conclusions took place at the TWP meeting on 7 November 2017, leading to some further minor adjustments. The final text, set out in 12583/5/17 REV 5, was subsequently endorsed by the Working Party in an informal silence procedure.

4. On 21 November 2017, the COSI also agreed on the draft Council conclusions as set out in 12583/5/17 REV 5, and agreed to submit them to COREPER/Council for approval.
  5. On that basis, COREPER is invited to submit the above-mentioned draft Council conclusions as set out in 12583/5/17 REV 5 to the Council for adoption.
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