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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	European Court of Auditors' Special Report no. 13 on "Tackling radicalisation that leads to terrorism: the Commission addressed the needs of Member States, but with some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation" - <i>Adoption of Council conclusions</i>

1. On 29 May 2018, the European Court of Auditors published its Special Report No. 13/2018 entitled "*Tackling radicalisation that leads to terrorism: the Commission addressed the needs of Member States, but with some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation*"¹.
2. Under the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of Special Reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², the Permanent Representatives' Committee instructed the Terrorism Working Party (TWP) to examine the report in accordance with those rules.

¹ The report is available in all official languages on the following website:
<https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=45801>

² 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1.

3. The Special Report was presented to the TWP by the Court of Auditors on 6 September 2018. In light of the Commission's replies and the discussion which took place, the Presidency drew up draft conclusions on the Court's report, in accordance with the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors in the context of the discharge procedure.
 4. At its meeting on 5 October 2018, TWP reached agreement on the draft conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note. The Commission asked to include a reference to its Fifteenth Progress Report towards an effective and genuine Security Union, which consequently has been inserted in a footnote.
 5. In accordance with the procedure laid down, TWP invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopts the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an 'A' item at a forthcoming session.
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Draft**Council conclusions on the Special Report No. 13/2018 by the European Court of Auditors:**

"Tackling radicalisation that leads to terrorism: the Commission addressed the needs of Member States, but with some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation"

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. WELCOMES the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No. 13/2018 "Tackling radicalisation that leads to terrorism: the Commission addressed the needs of Member States, but with some shortfalls in coordination and evaluation"³.
2. TAKES NOTE of the Commission's replies which accompany the Special Report and the fact that the Commission accept the main recommendations of the Special Report.
3. ACKNOWLEDGES the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Report and RECOGNISES that:
 - the framework for overall coordination of actions addressing radicalisation could be improved;
 - the practical support to practitioners and policymakers in Member States could be increased; and
 - the framework for assessing results could be improved.

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4. WELCOMES the actions already undertaken by the Commission after the adoption of the Special Report, having in mind in particular the final report of the High Level Commission Expert Group on Radicalisation (HLCEG-R). The report of the HLCEG-R was adopted on 18 May 2018, and sets out specific recommendations on a number of policy areas, such as radicalisation in prison, multi-stakeholder cooperation at local level, education and social inclusion. It also includes the establishment of a Steering Board to ensure the closer involvement of Member States on the strategic orientation of Union action in preventing and countering radicalisation and the gradual creation of a reinforced coordination and support structure within the Commission⁴.
5. LOOKS FORWARD to the regular debriefs to the TWP and other relevant working parties on the ongoing work and to the evaluation of the progress made under the proposed EU cooperation mechanism in the course of 2019, against shared objectives and possible benchmarks. The results of this evaluation should be presented at the Justice and Home Affairs Council in December 2019.

⁴ Please see also the COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL Fifteenth Progress Report towards an effective and genuine Security Union (10206/18), in which the Commission presents the way forward on preventing radicalisation following the final report of the High-Level Expert Group on Radicalisation.