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Subject: Combating the recruitment of jihadists on the internet

Almost 2 000 young Europeans are currently believed to be fighting in Syria, having been urged into exile by jihadist propaganda on radical Islamist websites and in the social media. On 5 June 2014, to address this growing problem, the group of ministers for home affairs of the nine EU Member States most affected by jihadist terrorism, which is co-chaired by France and Belgium, proposed the introduction of a set of common practices for security services in monitoring and controlling jihadists.

To deter would-be jihadists and to combat recruitment on the internet, the ministers also proposed that a European task force should be set up to promote arguments against violent radicalism, and that meetings with the major internet operators should be held in June to examine options for the immediate removal from the internet of sites and messages promoting hatred and inciting to violent radicalism and terrorism.

How will the task force function? What budget will it have and which EU and non-EU countries will be involved in it? How, specifically, will the case against violent radicalism be made and promoted?

What was the outcome of the meetings with internet operators? What measures are to be proposed and what will be the legal framework for them?