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to the Commission**

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Subject: Police cooperation in the fight against terrorism

Jihadist-inspired terrorism has been afflicting Europe for more than 10 years. The attack in Madrid in March 2004 marked the start of a spiral in which European citizens have been cruelly hit: London, Paris, Copenhagen, Brussels, etc.

Bearing in mind that so many years have now passed and it is clear that we are under threat from a source with the same ideological and organisational inspiration, it is surprising that the European Union does not have a counterterrorism unit within Europol to gather, sort and analyse information on these threats.

Can the Commission provide information on plans for police cooperation in the field of counterterrorism and the financial resources that will be allocated to it? What degree of police cooperation in the field of counterterrorism is currently in place, particularly as regards exchanging information? Finally, can the Commission confirm whether consideration has been given to creating an agency or specific operating unit to analyse and compile information from counterterrorism services?