

**Question for written answer E-000430/2016
to the Council**

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Subject: Protecting Europe against terrorism

In its programme statement, the Dutch Presidency of the EU Council announced that security and counter-terrorism would be priority action areas. The Presidency stressed the importance of improving operational cooperation and exchange of information between countries. In addition to these measures, new criminal-law instruments are needed to combat terrorism.

In the first half of the year, will the Council be working on the Directive on combating terrorism (COM(2015) 625 final)? Does it consider the Commission proposal to be sufficient from the point of view of protecting Europe against terrorism?