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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Roadmap for cooperation with Lebanon on security and counter-terrorism

Lebanon, a country with which we share political, economic and commercial interests, is a key partner of the EU at international level. We have an especially close relationship with the country thanks to the EU-Lebanon Association Agreement that entered into force in 2006. The adoption of the EU-Lebanon Compact and new partnership priorities for the next four years by the EU and Lebanon on 14 November 2016 represents a major step forward in the strengthening of our relationship.

Given that the country shares a border with Syria and several terrible conflicts are still causing turmoil in the region, cooperation with Lebanon on security matters is one of the cornerstones of our relationship. Security and counter-terrorism have also been named as the main partnership priorities.

The Partnership Priorities Agreement states that cooperation between the EU and Lebanon in those two areas will be based on a roadmap adopted in January 2016.

Can the VP/HR provide more details on the next steps set out in the roadmap for cooperation between Lebanon and the EU on security and counter-terrorism?