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to the Commission**
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Subject: EU policy on new forms of terrorist threats

Over the past few months there has been a major change in the methods used by terrorist groups to carry out attacks on civilians, especially in Europe.

Following a series of attacks using cars, vans and lorries, it has become clear that the prevention of terrorism is no longer just a matter for central governments, but also for local and regional authorities. In order to curb such incidents in future, there is a need not only to develop preventive measures, but also to come up with completely new ways of preventing attacks that are designed to kill or maim the public. It is no longer enough simply to monitor streets, or set up road blocks on city streets and squares that are popular with tourists and the general public.

A systemic approach is needed in order to prevent terrorist attacks in an effective way. To date, terror-prevention measures have focused on extensive security in certain areas of infrastructure in major cities, such as underground systems and airports. The situation has changed radically, however: terrorist attacks could now take place anywhere, using the most primitive kinds of weapon.

In light of the above, is the Commission intending to support Member States and their cities in building anti-terrorism infrastructure? If so, in what way?