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## **DRAFT RECOMMENDATION**

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism  
(14498/2017 – C8-0451/2017 – 2017/0266(NLE))

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Rapporteur: Helga Stevens

***Symbols for procedures***

*	Consultation procedure
***	Consent procedure
***I	Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
***II	Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
***III	Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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## **DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

**on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism**

**(14498/2017 – C8-0451/2017 – 2017/0266(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Council decision (14498/2017),
  - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 83 (1) and Article 218 (6) (a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0451/2017),
  - having regard to the Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (14447/2017),
  - having regard to Rule 99(1), Rule 99(4) and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (A8-0000/2018),
1. Gives its consent to the draft Council decision;
  2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The terrorist threat facing our countries is very real. In recent years, it has intensified and rapidly evolved. International cooperation is crucial in the fight against terrorism. This cooperation can - and should - take many forms, in particular include the exchange of threat assessments, strategic and operational information. A common understanding of terrorism and related criminal offences as well as the protection of exchanged information against unauthorized access in line with data protection requirements are indispensable for an enhanced effective cooperation.

Within the European Union, major steps have already been taken, including substantive criminal law provisions as well as provisions on information exchange, including data protection, most notably with the adoption of the directive on the fight against terrorism. It is necessary to broaden the cooperation also to partners outside the EU in our common interest. By becoming a party to the Additional Protocol, the EU and its Member States can further improve the effectiveness of the fight against terrorism.

The Additional Protocol supplements Convention No. 196 with a series of provisions aimed at implementing the criminal law aspects of UN Security Council Resolution 2178(2014) on Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. The Additional Protocol seeks to stop the flow of foreign terrorist fighters to conflict zones and to provide a common understanding of and response to foreign terrorist fights-related offenses. The Additional Protocol provides for the criminalisation of the following acts:

- participation in an association or group for the purpose of terrorism;
- receiving training for terrorism;
- travelling or attempting to travel for terrorist purposes;
- providing or collecting funds for such travels;
- organising and facilitating such travels.

All parties to the Additional Protocol are required to designate a contact point. Europol can fulfil this role for the EU, taking into full account relevant rules on relations with partners as well as fundamental rights, including the protection of personal data.

With the entry into force of the directive on the fight against terrorism, the EU and its Member States already fulfil the commitments stemming from the Additional Protocol.