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to the Council**

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Subject: Most recent violent clashes in the EU – part 2

One of the central themes of the German Council Presidency is said to be ‘a Europe of security’<sup>1</sup> .

Yet never before have there been so many protests and demonstrations which have spilled over into violence.

In June, 200 violent demonstrators were arrested in Brussels<sup>2</sup> , and a number of statues of historical figures were defaced<sup>3</sup> . The authorities continue to allow the demonstrations to go ahead, even though they are clearly in breach of the physical distancing guidelines in place during the pandemic.

This month there have been violent protests in Stuttgart and Frankfurt, mainly involving young male migrants, although the press often uses such descriptions as ‘party’ or ‘event’.

The Mayor of Frankfurt, Peter Feldmann, was recently forced to have police protection when leaving a demonstration at which he called for peaceful dialogue<sup>4</sup> .

1. How will the Council react to these violent clashes, especially given that many violent protesters have a migration background and a militant ‘antifa’ group is often deliberately whipping up the crowds? Should this group be more closely monitored or placed on the anti-terror list?
2. What proposals can be expected from the German Council Presidency with regard to cross-border cooperation between police authorities and judicial cooperation in criminal and/or civil matters, especially given that the G20 summit in Hamburg, for example, attracted violent demonstrators from other Member States?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.eu2020.de/eu2020-en/focus-areas-presidency/2356936>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.brusselstimes.com/brussels/115660/over-200-arrests-as-blm-protest-leads-to-riots-and-looting/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.npr.org/sections/live-updates-protests-for-racial-justice/2020/06/05/871278150/belgians-target-some-royal-monuments-in-black-lives-matter-protest?t=1591712632586>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.merkur.de/politik/black-lives-matter-frankfurt-ob-peter-feldmann-oberbuergermeister-buhrufe-auftritt-demo-zr-90013779.html>