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to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Rioting after the Champions League final and other events

Riots broke out in France after the Champions League final. Vehicles were set on fire and the police were attacked and had to resort to using tear gas [1] .

There has been a rise in violence accompanying recent events, almost as if they were being used as a pretext to bring violence onto the streets of Europe. Very often the police, whose job is to keep the peace, themselves become the target of attacks, as in Frankfurt [2] and Stuttgart. But instead of naming and shaming the perpetrators so as to address the root causes, it is the events themselves that are being cited as reasons for violence [3] .

One of the German Council Presidency's guiding principles is a 'Europe of security'.

1. How can the Council, during the German Council Presidency, make this guiding principle a reality when German cities are repeatedly the backdrop for violence?

2. What can the Council do in response to the rise in violence against police?

3. Does the Council believe there to be a connection between ongoing migration and increasing downplaying of violent excesses?

[1] https://www.n-tv.de/panorama/Ausschreitungen-in-Paris-nach-CL-Finale-article21990457.html
[2] https://www.fr.de/frankfurt/frankfurt-randale-opernplatz-polizei-hass-haeufiger-widerstand-gegen-vollstrecker-13838610.html
[3] https://m.focus.de/panorama/welt/kriminalitaet-innenminister-thomas-strobel-informiert-parlament-ueber-krawall-nacht_id_12123476.html