

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0053/07

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

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Subject: Fight against terrorism

1. Does the European Council intend to carry out a comprehensive evaluation of all counter-terrorism measures adopted to date and how will it involve national parliaments and the EP in this?
2. How does the Council intend to overcome the shortcomings raised in the last Europol-SITCEN report on terrorism and take stock of the Member States' replies to the 2006 Eurojust questionnaire on the implementation of the Framework Decision on Terrorism?
3. Will the Council focus on the implementation of the current measures. If not, are there any new measures in the pipeline?
4. How does the Council evaluate the information sharing between Member States and the European Union in this context?
5. Considering the resignation of Mr de Vries in February 2007, does the Council consider that the role of the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator has to be maintained and with which mandate?
6. Will the Council ensure respect of Article 6 TEU?
7. Does the Council agree that extraordinary renditions undermine the EU's external policy to promote democracy and human rights and combat torture in third countries, and if so how will it address this issue?
8. What is the reaction of the Council to the TDIP temporary committee's final report and the 2007 CoE report by Dick Marty (PACE Doc. 10957), especially concerning extraordinary renditions, abductions, diplomatic assurances, the outsourcing of torture and violation of the international obligations of the EU Member States, particularly as regards the UN Convention on Torture? How will the Council deal with the issues raised?

A European Court of First Instance ruling of 12 December 2006 implies that the EU practice of terrorist lists is in breach of EU legislation concerning the rule of law and the safeguard of fundamental human rights:

1. How does the Council plan to review its procedures in a systematic way over and above this specific case?
2. Will the same measures apply to all cases on the list pursuant to (EC) Regulation No 2580/2001¹, in all its updated versions?
3. Will the Council consider a system that allows for parliamentary scrutiny of policy under that regulation and for a judicial review procedure?

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¹ OJ L 344, 28.12.2001, p. 70.

