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to the Commission

Subject: Security in the European Union following the attacks in Algeria on 11 April 2007

On 11 April 2007, Algeria experienced its most serious terrorist attacks in years. A terrorist organisation calling itself 'Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb' has apparently claimed responsibility for the bombings.

1. Does the Commission consider that these terrorist attacks alter the security situation in the EU?
2. Is there any evidence that 'Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb' is a magnet for former GIA terrorists or members of other terrorist groups?
3. Bearing in mind the terrorist activities of the early 1990s, which involved numerous bomb attacks in France and culminated in the hijacking of an Air France aircraft carrying 170 passengers, are French institutions within the EU now at greater risk?