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Delegations will find in the Annex the Council conclusions on Work Undertaken Under Action 1 of the Joint Framework on Countering Hybrid Threats, adopted by the Council at its 3697th meeting held on 6 June 2019.

**CONCLUSIONS ON WORK UNDERTAKEN UNDER ACTION 1 OF THE JOINT
FRAMEWORK ON COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS**

The Council of the European Union,

1. RECALLING the 2016 Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council Joint Framework on Countering Hybrid Threats - a European Union Response of the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Council conclusions on Countering Hybrid Threats of 19 April 2016;
2. UNDERLINING the European Council Conclusions of March 2018, which stated that the EU and its Member States should continue to bolster their capabilities to address hybrid threats, as well as the European Council Conclusions of June 2018 recalling that Europe must take greater responsibility for its own security and underpin its role as a credible and reliable actor and partner in the area of security and defence;
3. ACKNOWLEDGING that the primary responsibility for countering hybrid threats lies with Member States;
4. NOTING that countering hybrid threats has been identified as one of the key components, linking the internal and external policy of the EU's efforts to improve its security environment and to protect the Union and its citizens;

5. UNDERLINING the importance of the Friends of Presidency Group on the Implementation of Action 1 of the Joint Framework on Countering Hybrid Threats in raising awareness on hybrid threats, ensuring a whole-of-government approach of ongoing efforts at Member State level and EU level, including exchange of best practices and information sharing in order to contribute to a common EU understanding on hybrid threats;
6. ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts of Member States in carrying out the Hybrid Risk survey while recognising that further work is needed in order to continuously improve the EU's resilience against hybrid threats;

HEREBY,

7. WELCOMES the progress made regarding the results of the Hybrid Risk Survey foreseen in Action 1 of the Joint Framework, undertaken by Member States with the objective to assess key vulnerabilities to hybrid threats, as well as of the appropriate dissemination of the results between Member States, the European Commission and the European External Action Service;
8. INVITES the Commission and the EEAS to take note of this outcome with a view to continuing the work, in cooperation with Member States, in identifying areas that require further attention and further invites the Commission and EEAS to highlight vulnerabilities identified through Action I and prioritise the ones to be tackled at EU level;
9. INVITES the Commission and EEAS to continue to highlight to relevant preparatory bodies of the Council the progress made on the Actions under the Framework in order to facilitate the common understanding, awareness of the level of threats currently faced by the EU and its Member States and further strengthen efforts in bolstering capabilities;

10. EMPHASISES the importance of a more coordinated approach between Member States as well as between EU Institutions given the multidimensional nature of such threats and their effects on the security of the EU;
11. CALLS upon the EU and its Member States to continue sharing, on a voluntary basis, information and best practices in order to contribute to a common EU understanding of hybrid threats.
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