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Introduction

The Presidency plans to intensively deal with the impact of the war in Ukraine on counterterrorism (CT) and countering violent extremism (CVE) taking into account the findings and recommendations set out below. Whereas the short-term impact of the armed conflict in Ukraine on the terrorist threat has so far been deemed limited, the mid- to long-term repercussions could be significant. **DELETED**

Background

Since 24 February 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine, the EU has demonstrated great solidarity with the invaded country and its citizens. At the Council for Justice and Internal Affairs meeting held on 28 March 2022, the Commission, in coordination with the French Presidency of the Council, submitted a ten-point plan for closer European coordination on receiving persons fleeing the conflict territory. The plan has been adopted as a European plan to help displaced persons from Ukraine. Part of the plan is task no 9 – ‘To deal with the consequences of the war in Ukraine on internal security’ – to provide EMPACT¹ and Europol support to the Member States. In the past few months, different aspects of the Russian aggression against Ukraine have been dealt with by the European Council, different Council configurations, and the Council’s committees and working groups. Many of these activities have been developed by working parties focusing on various aspects of internal security, including the TWP. In June, the Czech Presidency indicated that during its term, it plans to intensively deal with the impact of the war in Ukraine on counterterrorism and the fight against violent extremism.

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¹ European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats.