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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	Draft Operational Guidance for the Deployment of Hybrid Rapid Response Teams - Approval

1. The Strategic Compass for Security and Defence¹ called for the creation of EU Hybrid Rapid Response Teams (HRRTs) as part of the EU Hybrid Toolbox.² The purpose of HRRTs is to provide tailored and targeted short-term assistance to EU Member States, Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations, and partner countries in countering hybrid threats.
2. The Horizontal Working Party on Enhancing Resilience and Countering Hybrid Threats (HWP ERCHT), in accordance with the Guiding Framework for the Practical Establishment of the EU HRRTs,³ and in coordination with the EEAS and the Commission, examined the practical aspects of HRRT deployment, and, on 22 November 2024, finalised the draft Operational Guidance for the Deployment of Hybrid Rapid Response Teams ('Guidance'), as set out in document ST 15657/24.

¹ ST 7371/22
² ST 10016/22
³ ST 10125/24

3. In addition, as part of the preparatory work, on 22 October 2024, the HWP ERC-HT tested the envisaged decision-making for the deployment of HRRTs during a Tabletop Exercise (WK 14369/24), conducted as part of the wider EU Integrated Resolve 2024 exercise, within the framework of Parallel and Coordinated Exercise (PACE) with NATO.
 4. The draft Guidance was endorsed by the PSC at its meeting on 28 November 2024.
 5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the Operational Guidance for the Deployment of Hybrid Rapid Response Teams, as set out in document ST 15657/24.
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