

## Declaration on combating terrorism: extract concerning the establishment of the position of a Coordinator (Brussels, 25 March 2004)

**Caption:** On 25 March, in Brussels, following the terrorist attacks of 11 March 2004 in Madrid, the European Council adopts the Declaration on combating terrorism, in which it agrees to the establishment of the position of a Counter-Terrorism Coordinator and welcomes Javier Solana's decision to appoint Gijs de Vries as the first person to hold this post.

**Source:** Declaration on combating terrorism. Brussels: Council of the European Union, 25.03.2004. 18 p.  
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### **14. Establishment of the Position of a Counter-Terrorism Coordinator**

The European Council emphasises that a comprehensive and strongly coordinated approach is required in response to the threat posed by terrorism.

The European Council accordingly agrees to the establishment of the position of a Counter- Terrorism Co-ordinator.

The Co-ordinator, who will work within the Council Secretariat, will co-ordinate the work of the Council in combating terrorism and, with due regard to the responsibilities of the Commission, maintain an overview of all the instruments at the Union's disposal with a view to regular reporting to the Council and effective follow-up of Council decisions.

The European Council welcomes the decision of Secretary General/High Representative Solana to appoint Mr. Gijs de Vries to the position of Counter-Terrorism Coordinator.

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