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## RESOLUTION

### **Introduction of an EU Commissioner for Internal Security and taking Steps towards of a true Security Union**

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#### **Recognising that:**

- After years of terror in Europe, the EU is still unable to find a common line in the fight against those who reject our basic rules of coexistence and thus us as human beings.
- A common, consistent fight against extremism is not only necessary, it is existential for our Europe.
- A clear commitment to our open, liberal society must mean a clear no to all extremism and radical ideas.
- The night of terror in Vienna has shown us all once again how vulnerable our liberal democratic society in Europe is.
- The sad toll of this night of terror is four dead - a 21-year-old amateur footballer, a 44-year-old employee, a 39-year-old restaurant owner and a 24-year-old German student - and 22, some of them heavily injured, including a policeman.
- The terror of Dresden, Paris, Nice or Vienna are attacks on our fundamental values and make it clear that not everyone who lives in this European Community with us shares our core beliefs. Rather, we have a massive problem that parts of our society follow a fundamentally different model of life and entirely opposing values to ours.



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### **Acknowledging that:**

- The EU has not yet found a unified response to how we deal with those who abhor and fight against our values.
- Faith brings people together and holds them together; terror seeks to spread hatred and divide society. It does not stop at borders, so we will only be able to fight it together.
- The expressions of sympathy by the heads of state and governments from all over the world to give strength to the people of Austria show that we stand together against terror and we will defend our values together. But now words must be followed by decisive action. Anyone who wants to defend the EU's values of freedom and cohesion must demonstrate the ability to act.
- Only as a security union can the European Union keep its promise of being an area of freedom as well as an area of security and justice. For it is precisely in a Europe of open internal borders that we must jointly counter terrorism and jointly defend our open, free democracy.

### **YEPP calls on:**

- Improved data exchange based on common criteria, a strong network of security cooperation and consistent protection of the EU's external borders.
- The heads of European heads of state and the European Commission to develop the EU into a true security union. At no time must potential attackers be allowed to have the impression of being able to operate beneath the radar. This requires a separate EU Commissioner with a Directorate-General for Internal Security in Europe.
- A common European platform should coordinate the national and European authorities responsible for combating terrorism. This platform needs the competence to investigate



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suspects in close cooperation with nation states, to prosecute perpetrators with the utmost rigour under the rule of law, and to prevent the entry of radicals at Europe's external borders and ensure their expulsion.

- In addition, the new European Union's Prosecutor's Office must be enabled to deal with cross-border counter-terrorism and not only with crimes against the EU's own budget.