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**Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction**

The EU and Croatia consider that the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery, both to the state and non-state actors, represents one of the most serious threats to international stability and security. They therefore will co-operate and contribute to countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery through full compliance with and national implementation of their existing obligations under international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and agreements and other relevant international obligations. These elements will be part of their political dialogue that will accompany and consolidate them.

The EU and Croatia furthermore have the intention to co-operate and to contribute to countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery by:

- taking steps to sign, ratify, or accede to, as appropriate, and fully implement all other relevant international instruments;
- the establishment of an effective system of export controls, controlling the export as well as the transit of WMD-related goods, including a WMD end-use control on dual use technologies and containing effective sanctions for breaches of export controls.

Political dialogue on this matter may take place on a regional basis.

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## **Combating terrorism**

In compliance with the international conventions to which they are party and their respective laws and regulations, the EU and Croatia will enhance co-operation in order to prevent and combat acts of terrorism and their financing, especially those involving cross-border activities:

- in the framework of full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1373 and other relevant UN resolutions, international conventions and instruments;
- by exchanging information on terrorist groups and their support networks in accordance with international and national law;
- by exchanging experiences with regard to means and methods of combating terrorism, including in technical areas and training, and by exchanging experience in respect of the prevention of terrorism.

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