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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council

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**To:** Delegations

**Subject:** Meeting of the European Council on the Future of the European Union (The White Paper) (29 April 2017)

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Delegations will find the full text adopted by the European Council at the above meeting.

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2017 is a faithful year for EU. This is a year of important elections in many member states. Having started Brexit negotiations and witnessed French Presidential elections, the European Council wishes to stress our commitment to the European project based on fundamental common values such as democracy, human rights, prosperity, safety, solidarity, social stability, tolerance, and the rule of law. We strongly believe that these values will continue to play a crucial role in the future and serve both as a compass and as a 'litmus test' for the state of the Union.

### **The European Council,**

1. Encourages the member states to refrain from acting under the enhanced cooperation procedure with regard to the following areas:
  - a. Security, counter-terrorism, and border control
  - b. Refugee and migration
  - c. Environmental issues
  - d. Basic humanitarian aids
    - i. Basic provision of education opportunities
    - ii. Basic social assistance
2. Invites the Commission to improve the monitoring system of the implementation of the climate change-related legislation.
3. Calls for the collaboration of government intelligence agencies to prevent and respond to terrorist threats and attacks.
4. Encourages the establishment of a common European database on counter-terrorism intelligence, which includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Terrorist suspects
  - b. Persons of interest

5. Establish the structure of cooperation on a voluntary basis, which includes but is not limited to matters related to defence:

- a. Logistics
- b. Funding
- c. Energy supplies
- d. Petersberg Tasks

6. Encourages investment and incentivisation of research and development in renewable energy and green technologies.

7. Invites the Commission in its capacity to monitor the areas, which include but are not limited to:

- a. Social welfare
  - b. Public health
  - c. Humanitarian assistance
  - d. Regional development
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