

Procedure file

Basic information	
INI - Own-initiative procedure	2006/2032(INI)
Procedure completed	
The external dimension of the fight against international terrorism	
Subject 7.30.20 Action to combat terrorism	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		16/03/2006
		PSE YÁÑEZ-BARNUEVO GARCÍA Luis	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	DEVE Development		21/02/2005
		PSE HUTCHINSON Alain	
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		13/03/2006
		PPE-DE DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA Agustín	
European Commission	Commission DG External Relations	Commissioner FERRERO-WALDNER Benita	

Key events			
16/02/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/11/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
04/12/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0441/2006	
14/02/2007	Debate in Parliament		
15/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0050/2007	Summary
15/02/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Initiative

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/33916

Documentation gateway

Committee draft report		PE376.543	18/09/2006	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE380.789	30/10/2006	EP	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE378.603	07/11/2006	EP	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE378.853	22/11/2006	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0441/2006	04/12/2006	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0050/2007	15/02/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2007)1040	21/03/2007	EC	

The external dimension of the fight against international terrorism

[The committee adopted the own-initiative report by Luis YAÑEZ-BARNUEVO \(PES, ES\) on the external dimension of the fight against terrorism. The report argued for more EU cooperation in the fight against terrorism, calling for a common definition, coordination with the United States, and clear and direct support for human rights within and outside the Union.](#)

The committee agreed with the Council that "the most serious threat to Europe at the moment is posed by violent radical groups claiming to defend Islam, such as the criminal Al Qaeda network and the groups which are affiliated to it or are inspired by its ideology".

Against this background, the report advocated a larger degree of coordination and cooperation at EU level. It regretted the fact that "some Member States have not yet signed and/or ratified some of the 16 United Nations universal instruments on combating terrorism," and urged those countries to do so. It also called on the Council to adopt a common position establishing a definition of terrorism, reiterated the need "to exercise effective control over various Islamic charities," and said that it was essential to develop intercultural dialogue and other confidence-building measures within and outside the EU.

The committee made further recommendations for the Union's foreign policy, emphasising "the need for greater cooperation and coordination with the United States in the fight against international terrorism, while stressing the need for fundamental Human Rights principles to be protected." It also called on countries "with which the EU has commenced accession negotiations or which have expressed their intention of joining the EU to take immediate measures to disband nationalistic and fanatical organisations which are directly opposed to the democratic principles of the Union and stir up animosities and racial hatred."

Finally, the report called on the Commission and the Council, in order to make the International Criminal Court (ICC) more acceptable and realistic, to include acts of terrorism within its jurisdiction, as these constitute crimes against humanity. MEPs in the committee insisted on "the need to continue defending human rights and fundamental freedoms in the fight against terrorism," since "their violation clearly jeopardises the fight against terrorism and constitutes a failure of democracy."

The external dimension of the fight against international terrorism

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drawn up by [Luis YAÑEZ-BARNUEVO \(PES, ES\) on the external dimension of the fight against terrorism](#). (Please see the summary of 23/11/2006.) The report was adopted by 500 votes in favour to 53 against with 51 abstentions.