**Joint statement by France, Germany, Spain and Belgium
supporting the creation of a 'European Judicial Counter Terrorism Register' at
Eurojust
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The fight against terrorism requires constant cooperation between the judicial authorities of the Member States of the European Union.

To achieve effective cooperation, greater availability at European level of all information held by the national judicial authorities in this area is needed.

The Eurojust Unit, whose mission is to promote judicial cooperation and the coordination of investigations between Member States, is best placed to collect this judicial information.

The transmission of information on terrorism cases to Eurojust was established some time ago by Council Decision 2005/671/JHA of 20 September 2005 'on the exchange of information and cooperation concerning terrorist offences'.

More than ten years later, and even though Europe has been the target of large-scale terrorist attacks on numerous occasions, this Decision has still not been systematically implemented in all Member States.

For this reason, we are calling for reinforcement of the availability and sharing of information in a type of European judicial register, which will be kept by Eurojust. Our objective is that information about current investigations and convictions for terrorist offences within the European Union is collected at European level.

The Eurojust Unit will need to be even more proactive than it currently is to establish possible links between cases and to identify coordination needs for investigations. Eurojust can and must assume responsibility for this mission and the important task of immediately informing the competent judicial authorities in the Member States of its findings, so that the latter may better define the strategy to be followed in the respective cases.

Eurojust must accomplish its mission in synergy with Europol's European Counter Terrorism Centre.