Fight against organized crime: evaluation of national application of international undertakings

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OBJECTIVE: Presentation of a proposal for a joint action introducing a mechanism to evaluate the application and implementation at national level of international undertakings regarding measures to combat organized crime. SUBSTANCE: The proposed mechanism seeks to evaluate the application and implementation by the Member States of European Union and other international acts and instruments in the fight against organized crime. The evaluation is carried out by experts appointed by the Member States, with comprehensive experience in police, customs or legal procedures and in the fight against organized crime. A draft report on the findings of the evaluation is drawn up and forwarded to the Member State concerned. On the basis of this report, the Council will accordingly make all appropriate recommendations to the Member State in question and recommend that it take the measures shown to be necessary in the areas covered by the report. In principle, all the Member States should be assessed three years following the entry into force of the joint action.