Preparedness and response to biological and chemical agent attacks

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on its own-initiative report drafted by Gerhard SCHMID (PES, D) on cooperation in the European Union on preparedness and response to biological and chemical agent attacks (health security). It addresses the following recommendations to the Council: - that it commission a realistic analysis of the threat posed, making use of European cooperation between national police forces and involving Europol and bearing in mind the results of cooperation between intelligence services in the fight against terrorism, in order to form the basis of a serious EU response, - that it communicate to Parliament in the appropriate form the general findings of this analysis that can, as such, be made public, so as to provide it with a rational basis for any relevant budgetary consultations, - that it initiate, in the light of the findings of the analysis, the necessary legislative steps to deal with biological and chemical weapons attacks.