Police cooperation: action against international crime (drugs, traffick in persons, illegal migration)

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PURPOSE : to combat international crime with fuller cover of the routes used. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Resolution relating to combating international crime with the fuller cover of the routes used. CONTENT : in view of continuing to improve the practical cooperation between police services in the Member States, the current Council Resolution adopted by the implementation of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union, aims to provide a series of measures aiming to coordinate the police operations in order to combat against international crime with fuller cover of the routes used, for example, certain overland, waterway or air routes. In line with national legal provisions and jurisdiction, the Member States may carry out coordinated route policing projects, where appropriate with the support of Europol, in order to copmbat a specific form of crime on the basis of a coordinated policy. The customs and other competent authorities will be involved in appropriate cases. They will deploy forces, methods and equipment appropriate to the situation as they did long ago in similar situations and may extend to the whole territory of the Union or to certain groups. The purpose of such deployment on specific routes will be to ensure that the police achieve optimum results in the prevention and detection of offences, to improve coordination of joint police action and communication and to obtain additional intelligence on criminal behaviour and methods of committing crimes. Member States participating in the route-policing project may, with the support of Europol, undertake joint evaluation and will, in the case of regional measures, also inform the other Member States of the results. In this process, their main endeavour will be to develop measures designed to further improve route strategies. In so doing, they will in particular evaluate what new forms of prevention and detection of cross-border crime may be developed, taking account of freedom of movement within the European Union. There are also provisions regarding the protection of personal data.