

# **The implementation of the European Security Strategy in the context of the European Security and Defence Policy ESPD**

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The Council took note of a report by the Presidency on "Reinforcing the EU's emergency and crisis response capacities", with a view to submitting it to the European Council on 15-16 June 2006 (*10339/06*).

The report draws together the follow-up to the various initiatives launched by preceding presidencies. It summarises efforts made by the EU to improve coordination of available assets; to get assistance quickly to where it is needed; and to provide more effective consular assistance to EU citizens in third countries.