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## **Council Conclusions on enhancing the coordination capacity of the monitoring and information centre (MIC) within the community civil protection mechanism**

*2807th JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS Council meeting  
Luxembourg, 12 and 13 June 2007*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

1. **RECALLS** that Council Decision 2001/792/EC, Euratom of 23 October 2001 establishing a Community Mechanism to facilitate reinforced cooperation in civil protection assistance interventions<sup>1</sup> and Council Decision 2007/162/EC, Euratom of 5 March 2007 establishing a Civil Protection Financial Instrument<sup>2</sup> entrust the Monitoring and Information Centre of the Civil Protection Mechanism (MIC) with, *inter alia*, the central tasks of gathering and spreading information in the preparedness and response phases of disasters and of supporting the coordination of Member States' civil protection assistance,
2. **WELCOMES** the progress which the Commission and the Member States have made since the creation of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism in the implementation of the MIC, and the civil protection assistance undertaken in response to natural and man-made disasters inside and outside the EU,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 297, 15.11.2001, p. 7. Decision 2001/792 is currently being revised under the Commission proposal of 26 January 2006 establishing a Community Civil Protection Mechanism.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 71, 10.3.2007, p. 9.

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3. CONSIDERS that the challenges that will need to be met in the future require maintaining and strengthening the present positive momentum towards continuous improvement of the MIC,
  4. NOTES with interest the outcome of the Experts Workshop on "*Enhancing the MIC's coordination capacity within the Community Mechanism – state of play and prospects*" co-organised by the Presidency and the Commission in Ahrweiler (Germany) on 27-28 March 2007,
  5. CONSIDERS that the MIC should develop further as a user friendly information and communication platform and service provider for the benefit of the countries participating in the Mechanism and of the teams, experts and modules intervening under the Mechanism on site,
  6. INVITES the Commission to reinforce the MIC, in particular as regards the following:
    - a) its abilities for gathering, analysing and evaluating the information from third countries, assessment and/or coordination experts and other sources in order to facilitate decisions of countries participating in the Mechanism on offers of assistance,
    - b) its role in advising the Participating States on the assistance that is needed, on the various transport options, on ways and means for overcoming logistical and operational obstacles, etc.,
    - c) an adequate staffing allowing an effective functioning of the MIC during major emergencies; To this end, the Council ENCOURAGES the Commission to explore options for staffing the MIC, where necessary on a 24h /7d basis, and INVITES the countries participating in the Mechanism to consider support to the MIC in particular circumstances where the Commission's resources are not adapted or sufficient,
  7. INVITES the Commission to continue its efforts to develop a programme for the incorporation of lessons learnt from interventions and exercises into the training courses and the implementation of the Mechanism with a view to constantly enhancing the assistance interventions,
  8. EMPHASISES the importance of intensifying the cooperation between all relevant actors, including the international actors involved, in the interest of a good coordination and in order to avoid overlaps and duplication in the context of upcoming interventions in third countries,
  9. INVITES the Presidency, the Commission and the countries participating in the Mechanism to continue the successful process begun by the Ahrweiler workshop."
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