



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission and the High Representative would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion concerning the Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats – a European Union response {JOIN(2016) 18}.*

*We take note of the shared concerns, already raised in the Joint Framework, regarding the dangers of hybrid threats to the EU generated by the growing instability and we welcome the consensus expressed on the necessity to increase awareness and resilience in Member States.*

*The Commission services, the External Action Service supported by the European Defence Agency have begun, in close cooperation, implementing the Joint Communication's actionable proposals in order to achieve timely and consistent effects.*

*We acknowledge and take into high consideration, the concerns expressed on the complexity of the subject. The Riksdag can rest assured that we are actively engaged in ensuring that all available European Union instruments are mobilised to help counter hybrid threats.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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