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**SUBJECT:** Compatibility of the Polish anti-terrorism law with EU law and human rights standards  
(please specify)

**TEXT:**

On 21 April 2016, the Polish Government published the draft of a new anti-terrorism law, which is currently under discussion before the Polish Parliament. According to several NGOs, the measures envisaged in that law are inconsistent with the Polish Constitution and with the human rights standards enshrined in the ECHR. In particular, its provisions would be in breach, amongst others, of the principle of equality and non-discrimination, right to freedom, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and communication, protection of personal data, presumption of innocence. On 13 January 2016, the Commission has already started a structured dialogue with the Polish Government under the Rule of Law Framework and, on the 1st of June 2016, it adopted a Rule of Law Opinion expressing concerns on the constitutional situation arising from Amendments to the Law on the Constitutional Tribunal of 22 December 2015.

- Does the Commission consider the new anti-terrorism law compatible with the provisions of the EU law, of the EU Charter of fundamental rights and the case-law of the European Court of Justice?

- Does the Commission intend to integrate the issue of the anti-terrorism law in the Rule of Law procedure initiated with the Polish Government?

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