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<p>Position regarding Proposals for an EU Council Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism and an EU Council Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between Member States</p>

The NCHR commented on the above proposals dated December 2001 and stressed that these Decisions should be squarely based upon international and European human rights standards and principles. With regard to the decision on combating terrorism the NCHR underlined that EU Member States should show utmost cautiousness to the identification of terrorist acts and that the right to a fair trial should be always adhered to in the course of the relevant procedures. As to the European arrest warrant decision, NCHR pointed to the precarious situation that it may engender especially for third country nationals who have occasionally been discriminated against and victimised by state measures and policies adopted by certain states following the events of 11 September 2001.

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