Joint Statement on One Safety from the Heads of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies

The Heads of the EU Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Agencies endorse the concept of **'***One Safety — building preparedness and resilient communities***'** as a shared and forward-looking concept for continuous cooperation, grounded in a whole-of-society approach and guided by the JHA Agencies' respective legal mandates.

Inspired by the integrated and cross-sectoral approach reflected in recent EU policies, *One Safety* recognises that security challenges are interconnected and cannot be addressed in isolation. The concept therefore promotes coordinated actions across sectors, policies and governance levels to strengthen collective preparedness, protection and resilience.

At its core, *One Safety* places the safety, rights and well-being of individuals and communities at its centre of security efforts. It acknowledges that preparedness and resilience are reinforced through inclusive, rights-based and gender-responsive approaches, grounded in equality, non-discrimination and social cohesion.

Responding to interconnected challenges

The European Union faces increasingly complex and evolving security challenges, affecting multiple areas of the agencies' work. These include:

- evolving organised crime and illicit markets, including drug markets, human trafficking and gender-based exploitation, and the increasing targeting and exploitation of children;
- the criminal exploitation of digital technologies and AI, including online abuse, alongside cyber and hybrid threats and vulnerabilities in global supply chains;
- geopolitical instability, contributing to complex migration flows and increasing pressures on border management, asylum systems and external cooperation;
- growing societal and democratic pressures, including foreign interference, inequalities, environmental pressures, disinformation and polarisation, as well as threats to gender equality and fundamental rights.

Such challenges require coordinated and cross-sectoral responses. Delivering *One Safety* requires a whole-of-society approach that brings together public authorities, EU institutions and Agencies, civil society, academia, communities and, where appropriate, private-sector actors. Through complementary contributions and sustained cooperation, these stakeholders can strengthen collective preparedness, protection and resilience.

Contribution of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies

The EU Justice and Home Affairs Agencies are uniquely positioned to contribute to the *One Safety* approach, both individually and jointly. As specialised expert bodies, they provide knowledge, technical expertise and operational support to EU institutions and Member States. They often create extensive relationships and networks with national authorities, research communities, practitioners, civil society and private-sector actors. This diversity of network access connects policy areas, professional communities and governance levels. The Agencies are well placed to gather evidence from the field, identify emerging challenges and translate insights into policy advice, analytical products, guidance, training and operational support.

Commitments for continued cooperation in advancing *One Safety*

Building on existing cooperation, and in support of relevant EU strategic priorities, the Agencies will, within their respective mandates, tasks and available resources, commit to:

1. **Enhancing preparedness and resilience** through joint analysis, strategic foresight, research, training, and the exchange of good practices and operational experience.
2. **Strengthening evidence-informed policymaking** and operational responses through the exchange of knowledge, expertise and data, including gender analysis where relevant.
3. **Advancing research, innovation and capability development** by identifying emerging technologies, assessing future information and research needs, furthering training cooperation, and supporting the uptake of effective solutions.
4. **Strengthening joined-up security responses**, including across the internal and external dimensions.
5. **Promoting and further developing the One Safety concept** within the JHA Agencies Network (JHAAN), including through joint initiatives and knowledge-sharing activities and future JHAAN presidencies.

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