



## **EuroCOP PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fight against terrorism**

#### **For Immediate Release**

The terrorist related incidents in Hanover last night (17 November) and this morning in Saint Denis, Paris have served as a stark reminder of the unprecedented attack on the way of life, freedoms and the peace and security of our nations.

It is clear that Europeans now demand a police response that is unlike anything ever seen in Europe before. These expectations must be matched by commitments from European Governments to enable the police to provide safety for our citizens.

Speaking after the EuroCOP congress in Dublin, Angels Bosch the newly elected President of the European Confederation of Police (EuroCOP) said;

*"We must never allow terrorism to destroy our way of life.*

*It is important that the cornerstones of free and democratic society are protected and the citizens of Europe must be resolute in the face of those intolerant to, and intent on destroying the freedoms we all cherish.*

*The events in Hanover and also in Saint Denis, Paris which led to the arrest of suspects for 13 November attacks in Paris have resulted in serious injury to 5 police officers and the death of a police K9. Once again these incidents serve to remind us of bravery shown by police officers as they place themselves in harms way so others don't have to. All Europeans can be grateful that they are served by such courageous men and women.*

*I want to be very clear however that brave men and women is not enough. We must ensure our police forces cooperate in a way they never have before. Recent events have shown us that terrorism knows no borders. More than ever before our police forces must cooperate and work together in a manner that recognises this new reality.*

*It is the first duty of all of our governments to deliver safety and security for our citizens and the best way of delivering this is through properly resourced police services. Fear will not stop danger and no amount of planning and intelligence will ever guarantee to eradicate such barbaric attacks in the future but properly funded police and law enforcement agencies working in, and with the support of our communities can undermine the opportunities for such attacks in the future.*

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**Sent on behalf of  
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**Notes for Editors:**

1. The European Confederation of Police (EuroCOP) is the umbrella organisation for 35 police unions and staff organisations in Europe based in Luxembourg.

It represents the interests of almost half a million police officers in 27 European countries, dealing with issues which range from police cooperation across borders to a safer working environment for police officers on the streets.

2. Angels Bosch is also the Deputy General Secretary for the Catalan Police Union, Sindicat de Polícies de Catalunya.