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CALL FOR INPUTS BY THE OFFICE OFTHEHIGHCOMMISSIONERFORHUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR)ON USEOFAMINISTRATIVEMEASURESINCOUNTER TERRORISM– REPORTONTERRORISMANDHUMANRIGHTS

BRIEF INPUT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

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The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

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Purpose of the call

In its resolution A/HRC/51/24, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner for Human Rights to pay due attention to the negative impact of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to alleged violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and to report regularly to the Human Rights Council. The forthcoming report is scheduled for submission during the 57th session of the HRC (9 September – 9 October 2024). In this regard, OHCHR would be most grateful to receive information relevant to this report. This year's report will be focused on the use of administrative measures in counter terrorism.

FRA's input in response to the call by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the <u>Use of Administrative Measures in Counter Terrorism</u> <u>– Report to the Human Rights Council on Terrorism and Human Rights</u>

FRA has looked into the application of administrative measures in terrorism cases in its 2021 report 'Directive (EU) 2017/541 on Combating Terrorism – Impact on Fundamental Rights and Freedoms'. Relevant findings from the research, based on interviews with counter-terrorism practitioners and other experts in seven Member States and accompanying desk research, are contained in chapter 5 (pp. 89-104) and in the Key findings and FRA opinions (p. 11) of the report.

In addition, some relevant information can be found in the FRA work on civil society. See the 2021 report 'Protecting Civic Space in the EU' (pp. 7, 28 and 35); as well as updates of the report for 2022 (p. 24) and for 2023 (Key findings and chapters 1.4 and 4.1 in the online version, or pp. 5, 20 and 37 in the exported version).

¹ <u>https://fra.europa.eu/en</u>