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**to the Council**
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Subject: Follow-up to the EU-CLASI Joint Declaration

Organised crime and drug trafficking currently constitute one of the most serious threats to security in the European Union.

In view of this scourge, a joint meeting was held on 18 September 2023 between the EU's interior ministers and 14 Latin American interior and security ministers belonging to the Latin America Internal Security Committee (known as 'CLASI'). At the meeting a joint declaration[1] on the fight against organised crime and also drug trafficking was adopted.

In this declaration, the countries of both regions undertook, among other things, to 'step up the cooperation to tackle the global drug situation affecting both regions', in particular through increased information exchange and joint investigations in addressing drug trafficking. The parties also agreed to hold regular meetings to strengthen the relationship between the two sides. It was also agreed to hold a meeting of ministers to review progress in the implementation of the joint declaration.

1. Has a schedule of meetings between the two sides been established?

2. Will there be a joint meeting of ministers as set out in the declaration itself?

3. What concrete measures have been implemented or are planned to make good on the commitments made in the declaration?

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[1] https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-12838-2023-INIT/en/pdf