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Member States retain the primary competence for the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of internal security on their own soil. This includes investigation and information sharing on this matter.

The Commission is closely following the reports on China's unofficial police stations allegedly established in a number of Member States and opposes any attempted foreign interference, threats or intimidation on the sovereign territory of its Member States. The Commission continues to stand ready to support Member States as necessary.

Hybrid threats are a challenge to the EU's security and need to be addressed. The EU-China Strategic Outlook from March 2019¹ already reflected this and the EU has raised this with China in bilateral meetings.

Work is ongoing to step up common efforts in this area. The Commission will announce a European Democracy Shield that will provide a strategic approach to safeguard and strengthen democracy in the EU.

¹ Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council, EU-China – A strategic outlook, 12 March 2019, https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/1fedf472-1554-416e-8351-1346f80a4ff8_en?filename=communication-eu-china-a-strategic-outlook.pdf.