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**Summary of the Impact Assessment**

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## SUMMARY

This Communication announces, *inter alia*, the setting-up of a platform for the development of Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) in the area of EU security research, the soon-to-be established European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF).

This board would bring together, on a voluntary basis, the demand and supply sides of technologies and solutions, the relevant EU Institutions and the Member States to prepare a Joint Security Research Agenda which should in turn become the reference document for security research programming, at both European and national / regional levels.

There were various options for political steps: (1) no policy change; (2) a forum for Public-Private Dialogue as in the original Communication planned by JLS in the 2006 CLWP and (3) to establish a forum for Public-Private Dialogue in the area of Security Research and Innovation: sub-option 3b (creating the ESRIF forum without a Commission Decision) is preferred over 3a (creating it via a Commission Decision). It is felt that ESRIF should not be set up via a Commission Decision so as to preserve its independent advisory nature vis-à-vis the Commission.

An independent ESRIF will enhance the co-ownership of the Joint Security Research Agenda. There is also added value in taking in the opinions of the various stakeholders (regional, national, European and industrial) on an equal footing. One of the tests of a successful outcome will be the extent to which all stakeholders accept the Joint Security Research Agenda as a basis for their own funding decisions. It is therefore mainly a question of proportionality and subsidiarity to opt for a non-Commission-created ESRIF.

If the ESRIF is created, a second Communication, accompanied by a more substantial Impact Assessment, will – so the planning goes – be delivered in the second half of 2008, reacting to the outcome so far of the forum's work.