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Question, Bent Ginnerskov Jensen, Kolding, Denmark:

I think, it could be great, if the European Union was in front of fighting against terrorism. In stead of letting USA walk alone, then the European Union should be in front and show rest of the world how to do it. You could see at the war in Iraq that you were out of step

0'57

Answer, Henrik Dam Kristensen, Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

Fighting terrorism is about two things. First you have to be able co-operate with the intelligence services, and I think the European Union and USA on that field are very good. But within the European Union we are much better in avoiding terrorism. The Union has always been in front when we're talking about financial support for the poorest countries in the world. Something is to fight against terrorism, you also have to make sure of equality between the countries and make the opportunities for the poorest countries better

1'32

SIGN:

The European Coal- and steel Union was started in 1951 with 6 member states. The idea about the Union was to work together instead of making wars

1'45

Question, Julie Skovsby, Odense, Denmark:

One way the EU could fight against terrorism and make equality between regions could be to make Turkey a member of the Union. I don't say they just have to be member no matter what. If we showed them, they became members if they lived up to our demands about human rights and were treating the Kurdish minority well and they would sign, they are going to follow our demands, then of course they should become members of the Union. This could also be a way of showing them; the EU is not only for Christians

2'30

Answer, Pernille Frahm, former Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

Of course I agree with that! This is how we should look at Turkey and fighting terrorism. It's all about desperate people, who think they are being treated unfair. This we should do something against, and the European Union could really make an effort regarding that – if we could agree about it

3'10

Question, Jette Wangslew, Kolding, Denmark:

I really don't see the point of having a Union, where only some members join a war like Spain, England and Denmark! This is really..... If you're a member of a Union you have to make common cause with the other members. I don't understand you can accept that single countries are joining the war! I would like to ask, how you in future would avoid single countries to join a war?

3'50

Answer, Henrik Dam Kristensen, Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

You have to understand the nerve of the Union. Personally I would like to have as strong domestic politics as possible, but we are 25 different countries being able to make individual decisions. Of course I think it was very unfortunately, what happened in Iraq. A divided Europe I would have preferred us to be in step. But you have to acknowledge the Union is consisting of 25 free and democratic national states – therefore you cannot force anybody to do something. You can negotiate and talk about things and perhaps agree about it. I will do my best to achieve as wide a unanimity as possible – also about foreign affairs

4'25

SIGN:

The EU has appointed an antiterrorist chief, the Dutch Gijs de Vries

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Question, Irma Bengtsson, Vamdrup, Denmark:

What will you do to avoid terrorist groups starting within the European Union?

4'35

Answer, Pernille Frahm, former Member of the Parliament, Denmark:

It's very difficult to do anything to fight against terrorism by imposing a ban on that kind of things. If you were to fight against terrorism like that, you would really make a police state. The really thing we can do actually, is to fight against the injustices, which are the reasons for most terrorism. You have to start up projects handling democracy, start developing, start trade markets, and start human rights projects. To fight against terrorism otherwise is very, very difficult

5'26

Question, Jette Andersen, Kolding, Denmark:

The EU has to make a big effort...It's not just within the European Union you see the terrorism, you see it everywhere. It's awful – it's always innocent people being involved. You have to do everything to stop terrorism – you cannot do enough