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In intelligence work, there are limits to the amount of information one can share. Confidentiality is essential.

~Gijs de Vries

In situations of military conflict, civil strife, lawlessness, bad governance, and human rights violations, terrorists find it easier to hide, train and prepare their attacks.

~Gijs de Vries

If you exchange information internationally, you must strengthen data protection. Those are two sides of the same coin.

~Gijs de Vries

If you combat an international phenomenon, it is indispensable to share information internationally.

~Gijs de Vries

In the fight against terrorism, national agencies keep full control over their police forces, security and intelligence agencies and judicial authorities.

~Gijs de Vries

The European Borders Agency in Warsaw has been created to help border forces in Europe cooperate more.

~Gijs de Vries

Europe has a long and tragic history of mostly domestic terrorism.

~Gijs de Vries

Terrorists always have the advantage of surprise.

~Gijs de Vries

Ultimately, freedom and democracy are stronger than fear and tyranny.

~Gijs de Vries

The central role in the fight against terrorism is with national authorities.

~Gijs de Vries

The majority of the world's Muslims do not believe that terrorism is a legitimate strategy or that Islam is incompatible with democracy.

~Gijs de Vries

Muslim organisations tend to have a low level of organisation. The communities in Europe are quite diverse.

~Gijs de Vries

The key to tackling Islamist fundamentalism and terrorism from the Islamist community is in the hands of moderate Muslims.

~Gijs de Vries

We remain vulnerable. There is no such thing as 100 percent security against terrorism.

~Gijs de Vries

If information ends up in the wrong hands, the lives of people very often are immediately at risk.

~Gijs de Vries

We are familiar with terrorism. But indiscriminate, cross-border, religiously motivated terrorism is new.

~Gijs de Vries

The violent radicals do not legitimately represent the overwhelming majority of the world's Muslims.

~Gijs de Vries

You can't get closer to the heart of national sovereignty than national security and intelligence services.

~Gijs de Vries

I have never come across a technology that doesn't change. This is inevitable. You have to adapt your systems as technology develops.

~Gijs de Vries

We still lack a global definition of terrorism.

~Gijs de Vries

Terrorists have failed in what is arguably al Qaida's most important objective - to trigger revolutions.

~Gijs de Vries

It's important that we work very closely with moderate Muslim forces locally, nationally and internationally.

~Gijs de Vries

There are no automatic links between poverty and terrorism. Among millions of poor people in the world, only a few turn to terrorism.

~Gijs de Vries

The idea is to have global standards. There is so much travel that if you just had a regional standard, it would probably ultimately have to be changed.

~Gijs de Vries

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