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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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2042nd meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (Part 1)  
Wednesday 25 (10.15) and Friday 27 (10.15) February 2004

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**WEDNESDAY 25 (10.15) FEBRUARY 2004**

1. Adoption of the agenda

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2. Draft minutes of Council meetings
  - (a) 2528th (Agriculture and Fisheries), on 29 September 2003 (\*)  
13033/03 PV/CONS 52 AGRI 292 PECHE 223  
+ ADD 1  
+ ADD 1 COR 1 (fr)  
+ ADD 1 COR 2 (fi)
  - (b) 2534th (Agriculture/and Fisheries), on 13 October 2003 (\*)  
13534/03 PV/CONS 58 AGRI 305 PECHE 239  
+ COR 1  
+ ADD 1
  - (c) 2535th (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs), on  
20 October 2003 (\*)  
13838/03 PV/CONS 59 SOC 415 SAN 225 CONSOM 119  
+ ADD 1

3. Complaint made by Mr Jim Murray to the European Ombudsman (2126/2003/BB)  
6513/04 OMBUDS 12 INST 43 JUR 70
4. Economic and Social Committee:
  - Replacement of Ms Elly HOVE (°)  
6475/04 CES 10
5. Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work
  - Appointment of Mr Konstantinos RANTOS, alternate member  
6385/04 SOC 71
6. Adoption of a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Czech Republic modifying the Agreement concluded on 13 April 2000 concerning the extension of the common communication network/common systems interface (CCN/CSI) within the framework of the Convention on a common transit procedure
  - 6170/04 CID 7 UD 24 PECOS 16
  - 6172/04 CID 8 UD 25 PECOS 17
7. Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the uniform prescriptions applicable to the approval of internal combustion engines to be installed in agricultural and forestry tractors and in non-road mobile machinery, with regard to their net power, net torque and specific fuel consumption
  - Common approach with a view to adopting a Decision
    - 11639/03 ECO 157 ENT 127
    - 5924/04 ECO 23 ENT 26 OC 116
    - 6036/04 ECO 29 ENT 40 OC 118
8. Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on uniform prescriptions concerning the approval of cornering lamps for power-driven vehicles
  - Common approach with a view to adopting a Decision
    - 12180/03 ENT 136 ECO 169
    - 5925/04 ENT 27 ECO 24 OC 117
    - + COR 1 (it)
    - 6319/04 ENT 41 ECO 36 OC 122

9. Adoption of
- (a) the Council's common position with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on minimum safety requirements for tunnels in the trans-European road network **(cp)**
    - 5238/04 TRANS 19 CODEC 29 OC 8
    - 6090/04 TRANS 55 CODEC 172 OC 130
    - + ADD 1
  - (b) the draft statement of reasons
    - 5238/04 TRANS 19 CODEC 29 OC 8 ADD 1
10. Adoption of a Council Decision establishing a Social Protection Committee **(LA)**
  - 6514/04 SOC 81
  - 6209/04 SOC 61 OC 108
11. Adoption of a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks **(LA + S)**
  - 5259/1/04 PECHE 8 OC 11 REV 1
  - + ADD 1 REV 1
  - 5261/1/04 PECHE 9 OC 12 REV1

## II

### 12. Preparation for the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council meeting on 4 March 2004

#### = Preparation for the spring European Council meeting

##### . Social protection

- Second joint Council and Commission report on social inclusion
    - Adoption
      - 16241/03 SOC 534 ECOFIN 418 EDUC 200 SAN 281 (x)
      - + ADD 1 (x)
      - 6507/04 SOC 79 ECOFIN 55 EDUC 34 SAN 31
    - Progress report on work by the Social Protection Committee on special studies of pension systems
      - Approval
        - 6506/04 SOC 78 ECOFIN 54
        - + ADD 1
        - + ADD 2
    - Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on modernising social protection for more and better jobs: a comprehensive approach contributing to making work pay
      - 5127/04 SOC 5 ECOFIN 8 SAN 4
  - = Opinion of the Social Protection Committee
    - 6509/04 SOC 80 ECOFIN 56 SAN 32
- . Commission from the Commission concerning equal opportunities: report to the spring European Council meeting
- Presentation by the Commission
    - 6245/04 SOC 66

13. Preparation for the **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy** Council meeting on 8 and 9 March 2004

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. Midterm review of the **eEurope 2005** action plan
  - Council conclusions  
6418/04 TELECOM 25  
6419/04 TELECOM 26
  
2. Situation of **electronic communications** in Europe
  - Exchange of views
  - Adoption of Council conclusions
    - 15186/03 TELECOM 160 (x)
    - + ADD 1 (x)
    - 6087/04 TELECOM 18
    - 6420/04 TELECOM 27
    - 6421/04 TELECOM 28
  
3. Unsolicited communications for direct marketing purposes or "**spam**"
  - Council conclusions
    - 5691/04 TELECOM 11
    - 6422/04 TELECOM 29
  
4. Follow-up to the World Summit on the **Information Society** (WSIS)
  - Council conclusions
    - 6423/04 TELECOM 30 DEVGEN 37 CONUN 6
    - 6476/04 TELECOM 35 DEVGEN 44 CONUN 9

14. Preparation for the **Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry and Research)** Council meeting on 11 March 2004
1. **Contribution for the spring European Council meeting**
    - Report from the Commission to the spring European Council meeting: Delivering Lisbon – reforms for the enlarged Union
      - = Policy debate
      - = Approval of the contribution for the European Council meeting  
5615/04 ECOFIN 19 SOC 26 AG 3 MI 16 COMPET 6 IND 9  
RECH 10 EDUC 13 ENER 22 ENV 44 (x)  
+ COR 1 (x)  
6584/04 COMPET 29 RECH 30 POLGEN 8
  
  2. Operating environment for business–related **service** industries
    - Communication from the Commission on the competitiveness of business–related services and their contribution to the performance of European enterprises
      - = Council conclusions  
15933/03 COMPET 82 MI 316 IND 182 ECO 270 (x)  
5601/1/04 COMPET 4 MI 14 IND 8 ECO 9 REV 1
  
    - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market
      - = Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views (public debate)  
6174/04 COMPET 18 SOC 58 JUSTCIV 23 CODEC 192  
+ ADD 1
  
  3. **Community patent**
    - Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent (LA)
      - = Political agreement  
15086/03 PI 122 (x)  
+ COR 1 (en) (x)  
6581/04 PI 21
  
    - Proposed amendments to the European Patent Convention  
15088/03 PI 123 (x)
  
  4. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures and procedures to ensure the enforcement of **intellectual property rights** (LA)
    - Information from the Presidency  
6376/04 PI 21 CODEC 219
15. **Renewal of the term of office of a Vice–President of the Office** for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (**Trade Marks and Designs**)  
5086/04 PI 1  
+ COR 1 (en)  
6261/04 PI 19

**II**

**16. Preparation for the Environment Council meeting on 2 March 2004**

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (**REACH**), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation {on persistent organic pollutants} (LA)
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (LA)
- . Progress report
  - 15409/03 COMPET 75 ENV 651 CHIMIE 3 CODEC 1692 (x)
  - + ADD 1 (x)
  - + ADD 2 (x)
  - + ADD 3 (x)
  - + ADD 4 (x)
  - + ADD 5 (x)
  - + ADD 6 (x)
  - 6200/04 COMPET 19 ENV 83 CHIMIE 10 CODEC 193

**14. Preparation for the **Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry and Research)** Council meeting on 11 March 2004 (**contd**)**

- 5. – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (**REACH**), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation {on persistent organic pollutants} (LA)
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (LA)
- = Progress report
  - 15409/03 COMPET 75 ENV 651 CHIMIE 3 CODEC 1692 (x)
  - + ADD 1 (x)
  - + ADD 2 (x)
  - + ADD 3 (x)
  - + ADD 4 (x)
  - + ADD 5 (x)
  - + ADD 6 (x)
  - 6200/04 COMPET 19 ENV 83 CHIMIE 10 CODEC 193

## 6. **Shipbuilding**

- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1177/2002 concerning a temporary defensive mechanism to shipbuilding (LA)  
= Adoption  
5730/04 COMPET 9 IND 11 MI 21 RC 3 WTO 6  
6532/04 COMPET 27 IND 26 MI 50 RC 7 WTO 20 OC 136  
6577/04 COMPET 28 IND 27 MI 51 RC 8 WTO 21 OC 150

## 7. Communication from the Commission: Europe and **basic research**

- 5598/04 RECH 9
- 6623/04 RECH 35

## 8. **Space policy**

- White paper  
Space: a new European frontier for an expanding Union – An action plan for implementing the European Space policy  
14886/03 RECH 211 COMPET 62 IND 164  
TRANS 293 POLARM 36 (x)  
+ ADD 1 (x)  
6503/04 RECH 29
  
- Communication from the Commission: Global monitoring for environment and security (GMES): establishing a GMES capacity by 2008 (action plan 2004-2008)  
= Exchange of views  
6094/04 RECH 20 ENV 81 COSDP 53 TRANS 57

## 13. Preparation for Council meeting (**Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**) on 8 and 9 March 2004 (**contd**)

### **TRANSPORT**

#### 5. **GALILEO**

6592/04 TRANS 83 MAR 26 AVIATION 47 RECH 31

- (a) Negotiations with the US
  - (b) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: Progress report on the GALILEO research programme as at the beginning of 2004  
6470/04 TRANS 75 MAR 23 AVIATION 45 RECH 27
- Exchange of views/(poss.) Council conclusions

6. **External aviation relations**

- (a) EU–US negotiations for an air transport agreement
  - Progress report
- (b) Communication from the Commission: A Community aviation policy towards its neighbours
  - Exchange of views  
6473/04 AVIATION 46 RELEX 76

7. **Third rail package (LA)**

- Presentation by the Commission

8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the **charging of heavy goods vehicles** for the use of certain infrastructures (LA)

- General approach
  - 11944/03 TRANS 202 FISC 119 CODEC 1085 (x)
  - + REV 1 (de,it) (X)
  - 6602/04 TRANS 84 FISC 39 CODEC 249
  - + ADD 1

9. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the **harmonisation** of certain **social** legislation relating to road transport and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3821/85 on recording equipment in road transport (LA)

- Political agreement
  - 12168/03 TRANS 208 CODEC 1112 SOC 324
  - 6526/04 TRANS 78 SOC 82 CODEC 236
  - + ADD 1

- Other business

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(cp + s) = Common position with statements.

(LA+D) = Legislative act with statements.

(°) Item on which a procedural decision may be adopted by Coreper in accordance with Article 19(5) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

(x) Out of stock.