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In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6, of the Council's rules of procedure, the Presidency attaches for information the indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) for the period up to 31 December 2004.

Dutch Presidency
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
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EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS				04.10.04		06-07.12.04
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES	19.07.04		p.m. 20.09.04	18-19.10.04	22-23.11.04	21-22.12.04
ENVIRONMENT				14.10.04		20.12.04
EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE					15-16.11.04	

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4 OCTOBER 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 93/104/EC on the Organisation of Working Time**
 - *Exchange of views*
2. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Working Conditions for Temporary Workers**
 - *Political agreement*
3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao)**
 - *General approach*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 on the creation of a European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin)**
 - *General approach*
5. **Social Services of General Interest**
 - *Policy debate*
6. **Commission Communication: Modernising social protection for the development of high-quality, accessible and sustainable health care and long-term care: support for the national strategies using the "open method of coordination"**
 - *(poss.) Endorsement of Social Protection Committee opinion*
7. **Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the principle of equal treatment between women and men in the access to and the supply of goods and services (Article 13)**
 - *Political agreement*

EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COUNCIL

6-7 DECEMBER 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

1. **Social Policy Agenda**
 - *Presidency report*
2. **Lisbon Strategy: Report of the High-level Group (Kok-Report)**
 - *Presentation and Exchange of views*
3. **Best practices in Employment**
 - *Exchange of views*
4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 93/104/EC on the Organisation of Working Time**
 - *Political agreement*
5. **Proposal for a Council Directive concerning the implementation of the European Agreement on the Working Time of Railway Personnel**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
6. **Amended Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (Optical Radiation)**
 - *Political agreement*
7. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the coordination of social security schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments 2004)**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Social Protection Committee Report on special studies regarding pensions systems**
 - *Endorsement*
9. **(poss.) Annual Commission Report on Immigration and Integration**
 - *Exchange of views*
10. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the principle of equal opportunities and equal treatment of men and women in matters of employment and occupation (recast version)**
 - *Political agreement*

11. **Annual follow-up to the Beijing Platform: indicators on sexual harassment in the workplace**
 - *Council conclusions*
12. **(poss.) Gender mainstreaming in the JAI Council**
 - *Presidency report*
13. **(poss.) Proposal for a Decision establishing a European Gender Institute**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

HEALTH

14. **Health Care**
 - a) **Health services and medical care**
 - *Policy debate/Report from the Commission (outcome high level group on Health Services and Medical Care)*
 - b) **Health care in an ageing society**
 - *Council conclusions*
15. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medicinal products for paediatric use**
 - *Exchange of views*
16. **Proposal for a Regulation on fees to be paid to the European Medicines Agency**
 - *Political agreement*
17. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nutrition and health claims made on foods**
 - *Political agreement*
18. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to food**
 - *Political agreement*
19. **Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 90/496/EC on nutrition labelling**
 - *Exchange of views*
20. **(poss.) Framework Directive on food additives**
 - *Exchange of views*
21. **(poss.) Draft Regulation on food enzymes**
 - *Exchange of views*

22. **(poss.) Amendment of Directive 95/2/EEC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners**
 - *Exchange of views*
23. **(poss.) Review of legislation on Medical devices**
 - *Exchange of views*
24. **Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Planning**
 - *Progress report from Commission/Exchange of views*
25. **European Response to public health risks from emerging zoonotic diseases**
 - *Council conclusions*
26. **AOB**
 - a) **Conference on priority medicines**
 - *Information from the Presidency*
 - b) **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**
 - *Written information from the Commission*
 - c) **The eight action programmes 1996-2002 of the European Parliament and the Council based on external evaluation**
 - *Written information from the Commission*
 - d) **(poss.) Strategic tobacco control report**
 - *Information by the Commission*
 - e) **Revision of the International Health Regulations under the framework of the WHO**
 - *Progress report from the Presidency and the Commission*
 - f) **Environment and Health Action Plan**
 - *Written information from the Commission*
 - g) **EU drugs strategy 2005-2012**
 - *Information by the Presidency*
 - h) **Future European Health Strategy**
 - *Information from the Commission*
 - i) **(poss.) Follow-up on the Council conclusions of 5 June 2001 on an EU alcohol strategy**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
 - j) **Coordination approach to combat HIV/AIDS in the EU and its neighbourhood**
 - *Information by the Commission*

COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) COUNCIL

24 SEPTEMBER 2004

HORIZONTAL

1. **Current economic situation**
 - *Presidency report*
2. **Industrial policy and structural change**
 - **overall economic issues**
 - **sectoral issues**
 - = *Exchange of views*
 - = *Conclusions*
3. **Better Regulation**
 - *Policy debate*
4. **Implementation of Internal Market legislation**
 - **Internal Market Scoreboard 2004 and Transposition Recommendation**
 - = *Exchange of views*

INDIVIDUAL POLICY FILES

5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery and amending Directive 95/16/EC**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
 6. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning sales promotion in the Internal Market**
 - *Political agreement*
 7. **European RTD Policy**
 - a) **(poss.) Implementation of the sixth framework programme**
 - **Report on instruments**
 - b) **Commission Communication: Science and Technology - the key to Europe's future: guidelines for future European Union policy to support research**
 - = *Exchange of views*
 - = *Conclusions*
 8. **ITER – Conclusion of International Agreement on EU participation and Euratom Decision**
 - *Progress report*
 9. **Commission Communication on Nanotechnology**
 - *Exchange of views/Council conclusions*
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COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) COUNCIL

25–26 NOVEMBER 2004

HORIZONTAL FILES

- 1. Current economic situation**
 - *Presidency report*
- 2. Competitiveness strategy**
 - **Competitiveness report 2004 (including enterprise, innovation)**
 - **Lisbon process: Report of the High-level Group (Kok-Report)**
 - **Review of progress achieved following the March European Council (impact assessment, industrial relocation, innovation, 3% target in R&D investment, internal market)**
 - **Better regulation**
 - = *Policy debate*
 - = *Conclusions*

INDIVIDUAL POLICY FILES

- 3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on services in the internal market**
 - *Policy debate*
- 4. 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 (EC) {on Persistent Organic Pollutants}**
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals
 - *Policy debate*
 - = *(poss.) Key elements*
- 5. Directive on Cross-border mergers of companies with share capital**
 - *General approach*
- 6. Commission Communication on the recommendations of the High-level Group on textiles and clothing**
 - *Council conclusions*

7. **Regulation on the monitoring of trade in drug precursors**
 - *Political agreement*
8. **Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning credit for consumers**
 - *Policy debate*
9. **Commission Communication: Science and technology - the key to Europe's future: guidelines for future European Union policy to support research**
 - *Council conclusions*
10. **ITER – International Agreement and Euratom Decision**
 - *(poss.) Council Decisions*
11. **Space Policy**
 - **Follow-up to the White Paper**
 - **(poss.) Commission communication on the "digital divide" and on "launchers"**
 - = *Presentation and policy debate **
12. **Commission communication on security-related research**
 - *Exchange of views*
13. **AOB**
 - **Directive concerning the formation of public limited liability companies and the maintenance and alteration of their capital**
 - = *Progress report*
 - **Directive on the cross-border transfer of registered office**
 - = *Progress report*
 - **Proposal for a Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises (PACE)**
 - = *Presentation by the Commission*

* Involving possibly a back to back "Space Council" with ESA Ministers.

TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

7 OCTOBER 2004

TRANSPORT

LAND TRANSPORT

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy good vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Proposal for a Directive on the introduction of a River Information Services (R.I.S.) system**
 - *General approach*
3. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the certification of train crews operating locomotives and trains on the Community's rail network (Third railway package)**
 - *General approach*
4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences**
 - *General approach*
5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on a transparent system of harmonised rules for restrictions on heavy goods vehicles involved in international transport on designated roads (weekend bans)**
 - *Political agreement*

AVIATION

6. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation (EU-OPS)**
 - *Political agreement*
7. **A Community aviation policy towards its neighbours: negotiating mandates**
 - *Adoption*
8. **(poss.) EU-US negotiations for an Air Transport Agreement**
 - *Information from the Commission*

29 NOVEMBER 2004

ENERGY

1. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment**
 - *Political agreement*
 2. **Commission Communication on Renewable Energy**
 - *Policy debate/Council conclusions*
 3. **Energy aspects of EU/Russia relations**
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
 4. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy end-use efficiency and energy services (demand side management)**
 - *Political agreement*
 5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on Trans-European Networks for Energy**
 - *Political agreement*
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TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY COUNCIL

9–10 DECEMBER 2004

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. **Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a multiannual Community on promoting safer use of the Internet and new on line technologies (Safer Internet Plus)**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
2. **World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)**
 - *Council conclusions*
3. **ICT prospects beyond 2005**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - *Council Resolution*
4. **AOB**
 - **Unsolicited communications for direct marketing purposes (SPAM)**
 - = *Presidency paper*
 - **Communication on European electronic communications, regulations and markets 2004**
 - = *Information*

TRANSPORT

MARITIME

5. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of the International Safety Management Code (ISM Code) within the Community**
 - *Political agreement*
6. **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on enhancing port security**
 - *Political agreement*

7. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by the Member States and amending Directive 2001/25/EC**
 - *General approach*
8. **Erika III Package**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

LAND TRANSPORT

9. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on compensation in cases of non-compliance with quality requirements for rail freight services (Third railway package)**
 - *General approach*
10. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on action by Member States concerning public service requirements and the award of public service contracts in passenger transport by rail, road and inland waterway**
 - *Policy debate/Political agreement*

HORIZONTAL ISSUES

11. **(poss.) Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Intermodal security**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
12. **GALILEO Communication**
 - *Council conclusions*

AVIATION

13. **(poss.) New negotiation mandates**
 - *Adoption*
14. **(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council extending the EASA Regulation (No 1592/2002) to air operations [procedural aspects] and to flight crew licensing**
 - *Exchange of views*
15. **(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the harmonisation of training of air traffic control personnel and the mobility of such personnel (ATC licensing)**
 - *General approach*

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

19 JULY 2004

1. Presidency's Workprogramme

FISHERIES

2. **Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Development of a Community Action Plan for the management of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)**
 - *Council conclusions*
3. **Communication on an integrated framework for fisheries partnership agreements with third countries**
 - *Council conclusions*
4. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation on structural measures in the fisheries sector for the period 2007 to 2013**
 - *Presentation*

AGRICULTURE

COREPER ITEMS

5. **(poss.) Veterinary agreement between EC and the Russian Federation**
 - *Progress report*
6. **Proposal for a Council Decision concerning authorisation of maize products genetically modified (NK 603)**
 - *Adoption*
7. **Proposal of a Council Decision on EC accession to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)**
 - *Adoption*
8. **AOB**
 - **Implementation of the Action Plan on FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade)**
 - = *Information from the Presidency*

SCA ITEMS

- 9. Questionnaire on agricultural research**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - 10. Communication on Sugar CMO reform**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - 11. Decision (Article 133) to grant mandate to Commission to negotiate tariff-only banana regime under GATT Article XXVIII**
 - *Adoption*
 - 12. Proposal for Rural Development Regulation**
 - *Presentation and exchange of views*
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 2004

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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

18–19 OCTOBER 2004

FISHERIES

1. **Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation No 2287/2003 fixing for 2004 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required**
 - *Adoption*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Southern hake and Norway lobster stocks in the Cantabrian Sea and Western Iberian peninsula and amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the sole stocks in the Western Channel and the Bay of Biscay**
 - *Policy debate*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency and amending Regulation (EC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation on structural measures in the fisheries sector for the period 2007 to 2013**
 - *Policy debate*
6. **(poss.) TAC 2005 for deep-Sea species and for Baltic stocks**
 - *Policy debate*

AGRICULTURE

SCA ITEMS

7. **Decision (Article 133) to conclude GATT Article XXVIII negotiations on rice**
 - *Adoption*
8. **Proposal for amendment of basic wine Regulation No 1493/1999 (planting rights)**
 - *Adoption*

9. **Report and proposal for Regulation on promotion and information for agricultural products**
 - *Adoption*
 10. **Report on CMO fruit and vegetables**
 - *Policy debate*
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AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

22–23 NOVEMBER 2004

FISHERIES

1. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for the fishing year 2005 the guide prices and Community producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000**
 - *Political agreement/Adoption*
2. **Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the electronic transmission of information on fishing activities and the use of vessel detection systems**
 - *Policy debate*
3. **Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound**
 - *Policy debate*
4. **Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea and amending Regulations (EC) No 2847/93 and (EC) No 973/2001**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down short term measures for the management of European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)**
 - *Policy debate*
6. **(a) Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the future access to waters and resources beyond the 12-mile limit and sensitive biological areas (Shetland Box/Plaice Box)**
(b) (poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the future access to waters and resources beyond the 12-mile limit and sensitive biological areas (Shetland Box/Plaice Box)
 - *Policy debate*
7. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the plaice stocks in the North Sea**
 - *Policy debate*
8. **Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod in the Celtic Sea**
 - *Policy debate*
9. **Communication on simplification of the Common Fisheries Policy**
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

AGRICULTURE

COREPER ITEMS

10. **Special Report of the Court of Auditors on Tobacco**
 - *Conclusions (possibly as an "A" item)*
11. **Special Report of the Court of Auditors on irregularities on payments of beef and veal premiums**
 - *Conclusions (possibly as an "A" item)*
12. **Special Report of the Court of Auditors on foot-and-mouth disease**
 - *Conclusions (possibly as an "A" item)*
13. **Veterinary agreement between EC and Mercosur**
 - *Progress report*
14. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on phytosanitary products (updating Directives)**
 - *Presentation*

SCA ITEMS

15. **Communication on Sugar CMO reform**
 - *Policy debate*
16. **Report (and possible proposals) on potato starch**
 - *Adoption of proposals*
17. **Organic farming action plan**
 - *Conclusions*
18. **Proposal for Rural Development Regulation**
 - *Policy debate*

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COUNCIL

21–22 DECEMBER 2004

FISHERIES

1. **Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2005 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required (TACs and Quotas)**
 - *Adoption*

AGRICULTURE

COREPER ITEMS

2. **European response to public health risks from emerging zoonotic diseases**
 - *Information by the Presidency*
3. **Outcome of the Conference on Animal Health Policy (Brussels, December 2004)**
 - *Exchange of views*
4. **Proposal on Avian Influenza**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on maximum residue levels of pesticides in products of plant and animal origin**
 - *Adoption (possibly as an "A" item).*
6. **Proposal for a Council Directive on official supervision and equivalence of seed produced in third countries**
 - *Adoption (possibly as an "A" item)*
7. **Proposal for a Council Decision on EC membership of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)**
 - *Adoption (possibly as an "A" item)*
8. **Proposal for a Regulation to implement a voluntary timber licensing scheme (FLEGT)**
 - *Adoption*
9. **(poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 69/465/EEC on the control of potato cyst eelworm**
 - *Adoption (possibly as an "A" item)*

SCA ITEMS

- 10. Proposal for amendment of Rice CMO**
 - *Adoption*
 - 11. Forestry strategy for the European Union**
 - *Exchange of views*
 - 12. Proposal for agri-monetary measures**
 - *Adoption*
 - 13. Report and possible Proposal on management risk tools in agriculture (agricultural insurance)**
 - *Adoption*
 - 14. Proposal on beef labelling**
 - *Policy debate*
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ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

14 OCTOBER 2004

1. **Environment as an economic opportunity**
 - *Council conclusions*
2. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the management of waste from the extractive industries**
 - *Political agreement*
3. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain fluorinated greenhouse gases**
 - *Political agreement*
4. **Sustainable Mobility**
 - *Exchange of views*
5. **Climate change**
 - a) **CoP 10 on Climate Change (6/17 December 2004)**
 - *Council conclusions*
 - b) **Medium and long term strategies and targets**
 - *Exchange of views/Follow-up to Spring European Council 2004*
6. **Commission Communication "Towards a Strategy for the urban environment"**
 - *Exchange of views/(poss.) Council conclusions*
7. **Commission Communication on the financing of Natura 2000**
 - *Exchange of views*
8. **(poss.) Follow-up to 5th Pan-European Environmental Conference (Kiev+1)**
 - *Exchange of views*
9. **Commission Communication on Flooding**
 - *Exchange of views/(poss.) Council conclusions*
10. **AOB**
 - **CoP 7 - Basel Convention (25/29 October 2004)**
 - = *Information from the Presidency*
 - **CoP 16 - Montreal Protocol (22/26 November 2004)**
 - = *Information from the Presidency*

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

20 DECEMBER 2004

1. **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 (EC) {on Persistent Organic Pollutants}**
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals
 - *Policy debate/(poss.) Key elements*
2. **Aarhus package:**
 - **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of the provisions of the Århus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to EC institutions and bodies**
 - **Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters**
 - **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on access to justice in environmental matters**
 - = *(poss.) Political agreement*
3. **Climate change**
 - a) **CoP 10 on Climate Change (6/17 December 2004)**
 - *Outcome/Information by the Presidency*
 - b) **Medium and long term strategies and targets**
 - *(poss.) Council conclusions*
4. **(poss.) Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE +)**
 - *Policy debate*
5. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of groundwater against pollution**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
6. **Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and spent batteries and accumulators**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
7. **Mercury Strategy**
 - *Council conclusions (Community and global aspects)*

8. Preparation of UNEP Governing Council (February 2005)

- *(poss.) Exchange of views*

9. AOB

a) 25 years of Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds

- *(poss.) Information*

b) High-level meeting on energy and sustainable mobility

- *(poss.) Information*

c) Environment and Health Action plan

- *Information by Commission and the Presidency
(Budapest Conference, HL Seminar)*

d) ENAP (exploring new approaches for the regulation of industrial installations)

- *Information by the Presidency*

e) European Marine Strategy

- *Information from the Commission and the Presidency*

f) (poss.) Flooding initiative

- *Information by the Presidency*

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE COUNCIL

15-16 NOVEMBER 2004

EDUCATION

1. **New Education Programmes for Education and Training**
 - *Political agreement*
2. **Draft report to European Council on the cultural role of education**
 - *Approval of the report*
3. **Mobility/Students' grants**
 - *Council conclusions*
4. **Future priorities of Enhanced European Cooperation in VET**
 - **Review of the Copenhagen Resolution**
 - = *Council conclusions*
5. **Proposal for a Council Recommendation for enhanced European cooperation on quality assurance in higher education**
 - *Adoption*

YOUTH

6. **Common objectives on voluntary activities**
 - *Council Resolution*
7. **(poss.) Common objectives on greater understanding and knowledge of youth**
 - *Council Resolution*
8. **New generation Youth programme**
 - *(poss.) Political agreement*
9. **(poss.) Commission communication on the Open Method of Coordination and the framework of European cooperation in the youth field**
 - *Exchange of views*
10. **(poss.) Follow up of the mid-term evaluation of the "Youth" programme (2000-2006)**
 - *Council Resolution*

CULTURE
(including AUDIOVISUAL MATTERS)

11. **New Culture programme**
 - *Political agreement*

 12. **New work plan on European cooperation in the field of culture**
 - *Council conclusions*

 13. **New Media programme**
 - *Political agreement*

 14. **Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cinema heritage**
 - *Political agreement*

 15. **Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protection of minors**
 - *Political agreement*
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