



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 23 November 2004  
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**15016/04**

**OJ CONS 72  
COMPET 193  
RECH 237**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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for : 2624th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)  
on : Thursday 25 (09.30) and Friday 26 (10.00) November 2004

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the list of "A" items  
15104/04 PTS A 59
3. Economic and competitiveness situation
  - Information from the Presidency  
14852/04 COMPET 190
4. Mid-term review of the Lisbon strategy – Kok Report
  - Policy debate  
14852/04 COMPET 190
5. Better Regulation – Simplification of legislation
  - Council conclusions  
15017/04 COMPET 194

6. REACH
- 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) (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 Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (LA)
  - = Policy debate
    - 15409/03 COMPET 75 ENV 651 CHIMIE 3 CODEC 1692 (x)
    - 14226/1/04 COMPET 175 ENV 600 CHIMIE 48 CODEC 1202 REV 1
    - 14742/04 JUR 455 COMPET 186 ENV 618 CHIMIE 51 CODEC 1239
    - + COR 1
7. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Services in the Internal Market (LA)
- Policy debate
    - 6174/04 COMPET 18 SOC 58 JUSTCIV 23 CODEC 192 (x)
    - 14558/1/04 COMPET 180 ETS 53 SOC 534 JUSTCIV 171 CODEC 1222 REV 1
8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on cross-border mergers of companies with share capital (LA)
- General approach
    - 15305/03 DRS 105 CODEC 1676
    - 14976/04 DRS 41 SOC 549 CODEC 1263
    - + COR 1 (en)
    - + ADD 1
9. Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors (LA) (\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 133 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
    - 8399/04 UD 57 CORDROGUE 29 COMER 78
    - 14185/04 UD 156 CORDROGUE 69 COMER 199
    - + ADD 1



14. Other business

- (a) Shipbuilding
  - Progress report by the Commission on the outcome of the LeaderSHIP initiative
- (b) 5th Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Industry (Caserta, 3 and 4 October 2004)
  - Information from the Presidency
- (c) Implementation of Community legislation in the internal market
  - Follow-up to the Council on 24 September 2004
  - Information from the Presidency
- (d) Netherlands Presidency conferences
  - Information from the Presidency
- (e) European Centres of Enterprise award scheme
  - Information from the United Kingdom delegation  
14579/04 COMPET 181

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(LA) Legislative act.

(\*) Item on which a vote may be requested.

(x) Out of stock.

## SPACE COUNCIL

### CONVOCATION AND PROPOSED AGENDA

Subject: "Space Council": Joint and Concomitant meeting of the Competitiveness Council (Internal Market/Industry/Research) with the Council of ESA at Ministerial level, in accordance with Article 8 of the Framework Agreement between EC and ESA

Place: Council Secretariat, Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels

Time: 25th November – 17.30 - 19.30

1. Towards the development and definition of an overall European Space Programme
  - Presentation and progress report (on the basis of a position paper)
  - Exchange of views (on the basis of a questionnaire)
  - Concluding remarks (summary of discussions)
2. Orientations of the Space Council
3. A.O.B.

NB: Followed by formal ESA Council and resumption of formal Competitiveness Council (approval of orientations)