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1. Public debate on Commission's legislative and work programme for 2004
14510/03 INST 190

The Council held a public debate on the Commission's legislative and work programme for 2004.

2. Adoption of the agenda
14606/03 OJ/CONS 62

The Council adopted the above agenda.

3. Approval of the list of "A" items
14609/03 PTS A 57
+ COR 1
+ ADD 1

The Council approved the "A" items listed in 14609/03 + COR 1 + ADD 1.

4. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its periods of session
- Brussels, 8/9 October 2003
13613/03 PE-RE 21
- Strasbourg, 20-23 October 2003
14106/03 PE-RE 22

The Council took note of the Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions adopted by the European Parliament at the above part-sessions, on the understanding that they had been or would be taken into consideration when the problems to which they related were examined.

5. Progress of work in other Council configurations
14452/03 POLGEN 74

The Council took note of the report from the Presidency on progress of work in other Council configurations.

6. Preparation of the European Council (12/13 December)

- Annotated Draft Agenda
14774/03 POLGEN 75

The Council took note of the Presidency's proposal for the Annotated Draft Agenda for the December 2003 European Council.

7. Enlargement

- Presentation of the Commission's monitoring reports for the 10 acceding States
14484/03 ELARG 114
- Presentation of the Commission's 2003 Strategy Paper and of the 2003 Regular Reports for Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey
14502/03 ELARG 125

The Council welcomed the presentation by the Commission of its Comprehensive Monitoring Reports on the state of preparedness for EU membership of the ten acceding States (docs. 14484/03, 14485/03, 14488/03, 14493/03 - 14499/03 and 14501/03), its Strategy Paper on continuing enlargement (doc. 14502/03), as well as its Regular Reports concerning Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey (docs. 14505/03, 14504/03 and 14508/03 respectively), and took note of the statements made by delegations in this respect.

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