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1. Adoption of the agenda
12709/05 OJ/CONS 48 RELEX 479

The Council adopted the above agenda.

2. MEPP
- Council conclusions
12710/05 PESC 803 COMEP 24
+ COR 1 (en)

The Council discussed the recent developments in the Middle East and adopted the conclusions as set out in 12914/05 PESC 821 COMEP 25.

3. Iran
- Council conclusions
12748/1/05 PESC 806 COMEM 48 REV 1

The Council discussed the recent developments in Iran and adopted the conclusions as set out in 12915/05 PESC 822 COMEM 49.

4. Relations with Western Balkans

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in the Annex to 12591/05 PESC 786 COSDP 615 COWEB 138 + COR 1.

5. Preparations for the EU - Russia Summit
12365/2/05 COEST 144 NIS 125 REV 2

The Council agreed to a compromise negotiated with the Russian Federation on draft agreements on readmission and visa facilitation to be approved at the 15th EU-Russia summit in London on 4 October 2005, and agreed on the following statement:

"The Council of the European Union and the Commission state that the arrangements set out in article 11 paragraph 2, that concern Member States where the maximum duration for detention of illegal migrants is inferior to or equals 60 days, have to be concluded prior to the entry into force of the agreement."

6. Uzbekistan

The Council adopted conclusions as set out in 12515/1/05 REV 1.

7. UN Millennium Review Summit follow-up

This item was not discussed during this meeting.

8. AOB

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The Council reconfirmed the importance the EU attaches to its relations with Asia and looked forward to fruitful ASEM meetings in 2006.

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