



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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for : 2759th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(Economic and Financial Affairs)

date : Brussels, Tuesday 7 November 2006 (10 h.45)

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1. Approval of the provisional agenda
2. Adoption of the list of "A" items  
14502/06 PTS A 51
3. Financial Management : Court of Auditors Annual Report (2005)  
- *Presentation*
4. Statistics: 2006 Status Report and EU Statistical Governance  
- *Council conclusions*  
14617/06 ECOFIN 367 UEM 151 STATIS 91  
14618/06 ECOFIN 368 UEM 152 STATIS 92

5. Sustainability of Public Finances : Sustainability Report (*public debate*)

- *Council conclusions*

14614/06 UEM 149 ECOFIN 365 SOC 495

14615/06 UEM 150 ECOFIN 366 SOC 496

14091/06 UEM 143 ECOFIN 342 SOC 464

6. Taxation

a) Excise Duties : Minimum Rates on Alcoholic Beverages

= *General approach*

14132/06 FISC 130

+ COR 1 (de)

+ COR 2 (et)

b) VAT and Excise Duties : Travellers' Allowance Directive

= *General approach*

14172/06 FISC 132

+ COR 1 (en)

+ COR 2 (lt)

+ COR 3 (it)

+ REV 1 (de)

c) (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the United Kingdom to introduce a special measure derogating from Article 21(1)(a) of Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes (\*)

13390/06 FISC 120

7. AOB

- VAT - Online Press

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

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**Monday 6 November 2006**

- Eurogroup

**Tuesday 7 November 2006**

- Breakfast on economic situation
  - Ministerial Meeting with the EFTA Countries
  - Meeting of the ECOFIN Troika with representatives of the European Parliament
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