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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

meeting : 2541st meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(General Affairs and External Relations)

date : Brussels, Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 November 2003

Session on External Relations

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda
2. Western Balkans
doc. 14439/03 PESC 649 COSDP 649 COWEB 160
+ COR 1 (pt)
3. Iraq
doc. 14659/03 PESC 665 COMEM 43 IRAQ 15
4. Iran
5. Middle East
6. Follow-up of the EU-Russia Summit

7. Africa
 - EU-Africa Dialogue
doc. 14557/1/03 REV 1 PESC 661 COAFR 129
 - Great Lakes Regions
 - Guinea Bissau

8. Implementation of the "Action plan for the implementation of the basic principles for an EU strategy against the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction"
 - Mainstreaming non-proliferation policies into the EU's wider relations with third countries
doc. 14813/03 PESC 673 CODUN 45 CONOP 54 COARM 16

 - Draft Council conclusions
doc. 14818/03 PESC 674 CODUN 46 CONOP 55 COARM 17

9. ESDP (with the Ministers of Defence)
 - a) Operations
 - b) Military Capabilities
 - c) Common Training
 - d) Dialogue and Co-operation with Mediterranean Partners
 - e) Terrorism
 - f) EU-NATO Relations
 - g) Agency in the field of defence capabilities development, research, acquisition and armaments
 - h) Draft Council conclusions
doc. 14727/1/03 REV 1 COSDP 664 POLARM 33 IND 160 RECH 206 ECO 230
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10. Annual Report 2003 from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the EC Development policy and the implementation of external assistance in 2002
 - Draft Council Conclusions
doc. 14771/03 DEVGEM 143 RELEX 421

11. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee - Governance and Development
 - Draft Council Conclusions
doc. 14773/03 DEVGEM 144

12. Creation of a Peace Facility in Africa
docs 14762/03 ACP 141 FIN 492 COAFR 131
14525/03 ACP 138 FIN 478 COAFR 127 OC 694
13. Cotton sector and development in Africa (at the request of French delegation)
14. AOB
- Afghanistan
doc. 14562/03 PESC 662 COASI 40
 - Preparation of OSCE Ministerial Meeting (at the request of Dutch delegation)

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In the margins of the Council

Tuesday 18 November 2003

08 h.00 : Association Council with Israel

09 h.30 : Intergovernmental Conference

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p.m. :

- Signature of EU-SOFA Agreement (**Monday 17 November 2003, 17 h.00**)
- EU-MoDs ESDP Meeting with third countries (Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Norway and Iceland)
(**Monday 17 November 2003, 17 h.30**)
- Troïka EU/US (**Tuesday 18 November 2003, 15 h.00**)
