



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 24 November 2003 (25.11)  
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**14988/03**

**OJ CONS 69  
COMPET 65  
RECH 226**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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for: 2547th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)  
on: Wednesday 26 (10.30) and Thursday (10.00) 27 November 2003

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the list of "A" items  
15250/03 PTS A 62
3. Improving competitiveness and growth (A European initiative for growth)
  - Council conclusions  
14893/03 ECOFIN 340 FIN ECO 237 TRANS 294 ENER 308  
RECH 212 SOC 473 TELECOM 154 (x)  
+ COR 1 (en) (x)  
15179/03 COMPET 67 ECOFIN 368 RECH 227

4. White Paper on European Space Policy
  - Presentation
    - 14886/03 RECH 211 COMPET 62 IND 164 TRANS 293 POLARM 36  
+ ADD 1
  
5. Amendment of the specific programme for RTD: "Integrating and strengthening the European research area" (Research into stem cells) (LA) (\*)
 

(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 166(4) of the EC Treaty)

  - Political agreement
    - 11535/03 RECH 123 (x)
    - 15115/03 RECH 221
    - 15234/03 JUR 454 RECH 232
  
6. ITER
  - Draft Council Decision amending the Council Decision of 16 November 2000, as amended on 27 May 2002, containing the Directives for the Commission to conduct Negotiations on the establishment of an international framework allowing the ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) EDA (Engineering Design Activities) Parties and qualified third countries to prepare jointly for the future establishment of an ITER Legal Entity for ITER construction and operation, if and when so decided
 

(Legal basis: Article 101 of the EURATOM Treaty)

    - 8657/03 RECH 68 ATO 82 (x)
    - 14937/1/03 RECH 214 ATO 206 REV 1
    - 15120/03 JUR 449 RECH 224 ATO 210
    - 15241/03 JUR 458 RECH 233 ATO 212
  
7. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on takeover bids (LA)
  - General approach
    - 12846/02 DRS 66 CODEC 1218 (x)
    - 15089/03 DRS 102 CODEC 1641
  
8. Community patent
  - (a) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent (LA)(\*)
 

(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 308 of the Treaty)

    - Political agreement
      - 10786/00 PI 49 (x)
      - 15086/03 PI 122
      - + COR 1 (en)
  
  - (b) Proposed amendments to the European Patent Convention
    - 15088/03 PI 123

9. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the control of concentrations between undertakings ("The EC Merger Regulation") (LA)(\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 83 and 308 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
    - 5007/03 RC 1 (x)
    - 15122/03 RC 18
    - + ADD 1
10. European competitiveness
- (a) Integrated strategy for competitiveness
  - (b) Industrial competitiveness
    - Report on competitiveness
    - Innovations scoreboard
    - Enterprise policy scoreboard
    - State aid scoreboard
    - Outcome of consultation on the Green Paper "Entrepreneurship in Europe"
    - Communication on the aerospace industry (Star 21)
    - Communication on the textiles and clothing sector
    - "Leadership 2015" - Communication on the future of the EU shipbuilding industry
      - 15217/03 COMPET 69 IND 169 MI 296 RECH 231 ECOFIN 375
      - ECO 249
      - 14793/03 COMPET 61 IND 159 MI 282 RECH 205 (x)
      - 15036/03 COMPET 63 IN 165 MI 292 ECO 244
      - 14584/03 RC 13 ECO 221 (x)
      - 13705/03 COMPET 49 IND 140 RECH 176 TRANS 263 POLARM 24 (x)
      - 14314/03 COMPET 56 IND 149 MI 269 RECH 190 ECO 217 TEXT 17
      - WTO 115
  - Presentation
  - Council conclusions
    - 15180/03 COMPET 68 IND 168 MI 295 RECH 228 ECOFIN 369 RC 19
    - WTO 130 TEXT 22 TRANS 315
11. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 40/94 on the Community trademark (LA)(\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 308 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
    - 5114/03 PI 4
    - 15075/03 PI 121
    - + COR 1(en,el)

12. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 72/166/EEC, 84/5/EEC, 88/357/EEC, 90/232/EEC and Directive 2000/26/EC on insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles (LA)(\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 95 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement  
(Public deliberation)
    - 9864/02 SURE 30 CODEC 748 (x)
    - 14288/03 SURE 19 CODEC 1523 OC 682 ADD 1
    - 14288/1/03 SURE 19 CODEC 1523 OC 682 REV 1
13. Equal access to and participation of women and men in the knowledge society for growth and innovation
- Council Resolution
    - 14711/03 COMPET 59 IND 155 MI 278 SOC 461 SAN 235
14. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications (LA)
- Progress report
    - 7239/02 ETS 1 CODEC 350 (x)
    - 14924/03 ETS 16 CODEC 1627
15. Other business
- (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH (LA))
    - Written progress report
      - 15161/03 COMPET 66 ENV 633 CHIMIE 2 CODEC 1655
  - (b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Machinery and amending Directive 95/16/EC (LA)
    - Written progress report
      - 5557/01 ENT 8 CODEC 59 (x)
      - 14961/03 ENT 215 CODEC 1629
  - (c) Commission communication on basic guidelines for sustainable tourism in Europe
    - Commission briefing
  - (d) European Conference on Life Sciences and Biotechnology  
(Rome, 21 November 2003)
    - Written Presidency briefing
  - (e) Report on better lawmaking
    - Written Commission briefing

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(LA) Legislative Act.

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

(x) Out of stock.