



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 23 November 2004
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COMPET 193
RECH 237**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for : 2624th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH)
on : Thursday 25 (09.30) and Friday 26 (10.00) November 2004

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approval of the list of "A" items
15104/04 PTS A 59
3. Economic and competitiveness situation
 - Information from the Presidency
14852/04 COMPET 190
4. Mid-term review of the Lisbon strategy – Kok Report
 - Policy debate
14852/04 COMPET 190
5. Better Regulation – Simplification of legislation
 - Council conclusions
15017/04 COMPET 194

6. REACH
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (**REACH**), establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1999/45/EC and Regulation (EC) (on Persistent Organic Pollutants) (LA)
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals (LA)
 - = Policy debate
 - 15409/03 COMPET 75 ENV 651 CHIMIE 3 CODEC 1692 (x)
 - 14226/1/04 COMPET 175 ENV 600 CHIMIE 48 CODEC 1202 REV 1
 - 14742/04 JUR 455 COMPET 186 ENV 618 CHIMIE 51 CODEC 1239
 - + COR 1
7. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Services in the Internal Market (LA)
- Policy debate
 - 6174/04 COMPET 18 SOC 58 JUSTCIV 23 CODEC 192 (x)
 - 14558/1/04 COMPET 180 ETS 53 SOC 534 JUSTCIV 171 CODEC 1222 REV 1
8. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on cross-border mergers of companies with share capital (LA)
- General approach
 - 15305/03 DRS 105 CODEC 1676
 - 14976/04 DRS 41 SOC 549 CODEC 1263
 - + COR 1 (en)
 - + ADD 1
9. Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors (LA) (*)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 133 of the Treaty)
- Political agreement
 - 8399/04 UD 57 CORDROGUE 29 COMER 78
 - 14185/04 UD 156 CORDROGUE 69 COMER 199
 - + ADD 1

10. Communication from the Commission: Textiles and clothing after 2005 – Recommendations of the High Level Group for textiles and clothing
- Council conclusions
 - 13679/04 COMPET 166 IND 138 RECH 193 ECO 166 TEXT 26 WTO 166
TEXT 26 WTO 116
 - 14054/04 COMPET 174 IND 144 RECH 203 ECO 173 TEXT 32
WTO 121
11. Space policy ¹
- Preparation of the "Space Council" (before the opening of the "Space Council")
 - Approval of the guidelines on the progressive development of the European Space Programme (after the conclusion of the "Space Council")
 - 15000/04 RECH 234
12. ITER: Proposal for a Council Decision amending the Directives in the Council Decision of 16 November 2000, as amended on 27 May 2002 and 26 November 2003, 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)
- Council Decision
 - 15007/04 RECH 236 ATO 133 RESTREINT (x)
 - 15085/04 RECH 239 ATO 135 RESTREINT (x)
13. Communication from the Commission – Science and technology, the key to Europe's future: Guidelines for future European Union policy to support research
- Policy debate
 - Council conclusions
 - 10740/04 RECH 134 (x)
 - 12368/04 RECH 168 COMPET 143 COSDP 508 POLARM 27
 - 15005/04 RECH 235

¹ The "Space Council" meeting will be held at 17.30 on 25 November 2004. The agenda for the "Space Council" is attached. The ESA Council will also give its approval to the guidelines at its formal session after the "Space Council". All the other items linked to research will be dealt with on 26 November 2004.

14. Other business

- (a) Shipbuilding
 - Progress report by the Commission on the outcome of the LeaderSHIP initiative
- (b) 5th Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Industry (Caserta, 3 and 4 October 2004)
 - Information from the Presidency
- (c) Implementation of Community legislation in the internal market
 - Follow-up to the Council on 24 September 2004
 - Information from the Presidency
- (d) Netherlands Presidency conferences
 - Information from the Presidency
- (e) European Centres of Enterprise award scheme
 - Information from the United Kingdom delegation
14579/04 COMPET 181

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(LA) Legislative act.

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

(x) Out of stock.

SPACE COUNCIL
CONVOCAATION AND PROPOSED AGENDA

Subject: "Space Council": Joint and Concomitant meeting of the Competitiveness Council (Internal Market/Industry/Research) with the Council of ESA at Ministerial level, in accordance with Article 8 of the Framework Agreement between EC and ESA

Place: Council Secretariat, Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels

Time: 25th November – 17.30 - 19.30

1. Towards the development and definition of an overall European Space Programme
 - Presentation and progress report (on the basis of a position paper)
 - Exchange of views (on the basis of a questionnaire)
 - Concluding remarks (summary of discussions)
2. Orientations of the Space Council
3. A.O.B.

NB: Followed by formal ESA Council and resumption of formal Competitiveness Council (approval of orientations)