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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for : 2910th MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)
on : Monday 1 (09.30) and Tuesday 2 (10.00) December 2008

MEETING ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2008 (09.30)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Approval of the list of "A" items
16317/08 PTS A 60

INTERNAL MARKET

3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/116/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the term of protection of copyright and related rights (LA)
 - Progress report
 - 12217/08 PI 35 CULT 82 CODEC 1023
 - 16005/08 PI 87 CULT 136 CODEC 1611
4. Enhancing the patent system in Europe
 - (a) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community patent
 - (b) Draft Agreement on the European Union Patent Court
 - Progress report
 - 16006/08 PI 88
5. Gambling and betting: legal framework and policies in the Member States of the European Union
 - Progress report
 - Exchange of views
 - 16022/08 MI 466 ECOFIN 536 EF 113 ETS 17 JUR 517 COMPET 507
6. Response to the economic crisis
 - Presentation by the Commission of its Communication on the Lisbon Strategy: a European plan to boost growth and employment
 - Exchange of views
 - 16097/08 ECOFIN 541 UEM 205 EF 116 COMPET 514 SOC 722
 - ENER 418 AG 39
7. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Statute for a European private company (LA)
 - Progress report
 - 11252/08 DRS 17
 - 16400/1/08 DRS 74 SOC 733 REV 1

INDUSTRY

8. Commission Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Think Small First – A Small Business Act for Europe"
- Adoption of Council conclusions
 - 11262/08 COMPET 249 IND 68 MI 232 ECO 84 (x)
 - + ADD 2 (x)
 - 14677/08 COMPET 409 IND 147 MI 390 ECO 143
9. Commission Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Towards world-class clusters in the European Union: implementing the broad-based innovation strategy"
- Adoption of Council conclusions
 - 14265/1/08 COMPET 390 IND 131 MAP 48 MI 364 RECH 308 REV 1
 - 14679/08 COMPET 411 IND 149 MAP 54 MI 392 RECH 315

MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2008 (10.00)

RESEARCH

10. Ljubljana Process - Adoption of a "2020 Vision for the European Research Area"
 - Exchange of views
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
16012/08 RECH 379 COMPET 502

11. Commission Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Towards joint programming in research: working together to tackle common challenges more effectively"
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
11935/08 RECH 223 COMPET 270 (x)
16014/08 RECH 380 COMPET 503

12. Commission Communication to the Council and the European Parliament entitled "A strategic European framework for international science and technology cooperation"
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
13498/08 RECH 284 COMPET 354 RELEX 690 DEVGEN 161
16017/08 RECH 381 COMPET 504 RELEX 938 DEVGEN 243

13. Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community legal framework for a European Research Infrastructure (ERI)
 - General approach
12259/08 RECH 232 COMPET 282
16018/08 RECH 382 COMPET 505 FISC 164

14. Commission Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "A European strategy for marine and maritime research - A coherent European research area framework in support of a sustainable use of oceans and seas"
- Adoption of Council conclusions
 - 12699/08 RECH 249 COMPET 297 ENV 516 TRANS 274 PECHE 220
POLGEN 89 (x)
 - 16019/08 RECH 383 COMPET 506 ENV 861 TRANS 416 PECHE 321
POLGEN 123
 - + COR 1 (en)
15. Commission Communication to the Council and the European Parliament entitled "Better careers and more mobility: a European partnership for researchers" – initiation of processes
- Progress report
 - Commission and Presidency briefing
 - 10059/08 RECH 187 EDUC 155 COMPET 200
 - 13671/08 RECH 289 COMPET 367 EDUC 226
16. Commission Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions entitled "Global monitoring for environment and security (GMES): we care for a safer planet"
- Adoption of Council conclusions
 - 14906/08 RECH 320 COMPET 426 IND 161 TRANS 363 POLARM 33
DEVGEN 231 ENV 824
+ ADD 2
 - 16267/08 RECH 387 COMPET 523 IND 202 TRANS 425 POLARM 53
DEVGEN 248 ENV 882

17. Other business

- (a) Development of the ITER project
 - Commission briefing
16451/08 RECH 394 ATO 119
- (b) SET Plan
 - Interim report
16453/08 RECH 395 ATO 120
- (c) European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
 - Interim implementation report by the Chairperson of the Governing Board
- (d) Commission Communication to the European Parliament and the Council "The raw materials initiative – meeting our critical needs for growth and jobs in Europe"
 - Presentation by the Commission
16053/08 COMPET 510 IND 194 MI 469 ECO 168 ENV 863 SOC 703
ACIER 8 CHIMIE 76 COMER 212 PHARM 4 PROBA 51 RESPR 4
SID 29 WTO 226
- (e) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts awarded by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security (LA)
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on simplifying terms and conditions of transfers of defence-related products within the Community (LA)
 - Presidency briefing
- (f) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products (recast)
 - Presidency briefing
- (g) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council revising Council Directive 88/378/EEC of 3 May 1988 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the safety of toys (LA)
 - Presidency briefing

- (h) Consumer rights:
 - (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer rights (LA)
14183/08 CONSOM 140 JUSTCIV 220 CODEC 1315
 - (b) Strengthening the implementation of consumer rights by administrative cooperation
 - Presentation by the Commission
16465/08 CONSOM 200
 - (c) Empowerment of consumers: Green Paper on consumer class actions
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - (i) "Better law-making"
 - Request from the Netherlands legislation
16370/08 COMPET 527
 - (j) Creation of online companies via authenticated digital signatures
 - Request from the Portuguese and Estonian delegations
15660/08 COMPET 470
 - (k) Presentation of the priorities of the future Czech Presidency
 - Briefing by the Czech delegation
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(LA) Legislative act.

(x) Out of stock.