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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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for : 2217th MEETING OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE (Part 1)  
date : Wednesday 20 (10:15) and Friday 22 (10:15) February 2008

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**MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 20 (10:15) FEBRUARY 2008**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

**I (1)**

23. Replies to written questions put to the Council by Members of the European Parliament (+)
  - (a) n° E-5644/07 put by Lydie Polfer  
"Mr Putin's proposal to the EU to set up a joint institute to promote human rights in Europe"  
6338/08 PE-QE 117
  - (b) n° E-5992/07 put by Antonios Trakatellis  
"Pollution of the river Axios"  
6344/08 PE-QE 119

- (c) n° E-6212/07 put by Antolín Sánchez Presedo  
"Measures to reduce the price of nappies"  
6425/08 PE-QE 128
- (d) n° E-6284/07 put by Sophie in 't Veld, Ignasi Guardans, Alexander Alvaro, Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert and Sarah Ludford  
"US kidnapping of European citizens"  
6435/08 PE-QE 129  
+ COR 1 (de)
- (e) n° E-6361/07 put by Frank Vanhecke  
"Freedom of religion in Egypt"  
6437/08 PE-QE 130
- (f) n° E-6363/07 put by Frank Vanhecke  
"Human rights in Eritrea"  
6455/08 PE-QE 134
- (g) n° E-6461/07 put by Geoffrey Van Orden  
"EU Common Position Concerning Zimbabwe"  
6442/08 PE-QE 132
- (h) n° E-6536/07 put by Hannu Takkula  
"Russian human rights situation: Mikhail Khodorkovsky and Mikhail Trepashkin, political prisoners"  
6348/08 PE-QE 121
- (i) n° E-6587/07 put by Helga Trüpel  
"EU expenditure in China"  
5634/08 PE-QE 43
- (j) n° E-6595/07 put by Proinsias De Rossa  
"Abolition of the death penalty worldwide"  
6345/08 PE-QE 120
- (k) n° E-6641/07 put by Raul Romeva i Rueda, Mikel Irujo Amezaga, Helène Flautre, Alain Lipietz, Jens Holm and Ana Gomes  
"Violations of the rights of the Mapuche people in Chile"  
6362/08 PE-QE 123
- (l) n° P-0014/08 put by Paulo Casaca  
"European Union representatives involved in financing terrorist organisations"  
5748/08 PE-QE 54
- (m) n° E-0055/08 put by Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra  
"Sea rescue"  
5770/08 PE-QE 57
- (n) n° E-0063/08 put by Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra  
"Kidnapping of Médecins Sans Frontières voluntary workers"  
5626/08 PE-QE 42
- (o) n° E-0083/08 put by Iles Braghetto  
"Exclusion of Italian fishermen from Croatian fisheries zone"  
5765/08 PE-QE 56
- (p) n° E-0102/08 put by Richard Corbett  
"Sexual offences against children"  
5801/08 PE-QE 63
- (q) n° E-0140/08 put by Mario Borghezio  
"Safeguarding Malpensa - a hub key to Europe achieving the Lisbon Strategy objectives"  
5837/08 PE-QE 73

- (r) n° E-0161/08 put by Georgios Georgiou  
"Assistance for Greece in combating illegal immigration"  
5802/08 PE-QE 64
- (s) n° E-0162/08 put by Georgios Georgiou  
"Acts of provocation by Turkey in the Aegean"  
5794/08 PE-QE 61
- (t) n° P-0212/08 put by Raúl Romeva i Rueda  
"Threatened closure of LGBT organisation Lambdaistanbul"  
5805/08 PE-QE 67
- (u) n° E-0453/08 put by Catherine Stihler  
"Parental leave"  
6337/08 PE-QE 116
- (v) n° E-0473/08 put by Jens-Peter Bonde  
"Data protection"  
6242/08 PE-QE 109

24. Governing Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP)
- Appointment of Mr Nic ALFF, member in the category of Government representatives  
6329/08 EDUC 47 SOC 101  
+ COR 1
25. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from light-duty vehicles (LA)
- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions (°)  
6281/08 ENV 81 ENT 22 CODEC 176
26. International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)
- Adoption of the European Community position on a draft declaration on the IPEEC  
5469/08 ENER 16 ENV 26 RELEX 31
27. Proposal for a Council Recommendation adapting Recommendation 98/376/EC on a parking card for people with disabilities, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic
- Adoption  
15548/07 SOC 485  
+ COR 1  
5758/08 SOC 49 TRANS 21  
5811/08 SOC 53 TRANS 19  
+ COR 1

28. Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Armenia on certain aspects of air services
- Adoption
    - 5760/08 AVIATION 23 COEST 19 NIS 9
    - 6379/08 AVIATION 40 COEST 35 NIS 23
29. Proposal for a Decision of the Council and of the Commission concerning the conclusion on behalf of the European Community and European Atomic Energy Community of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Communities on the one part and the Swiss Confederation on the other part
- Adoption
    - 6461/08 RECH 59 ATO 14 CH 10
    - 5656/08 RECH 25 ATO 9 CH 5
30. Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel
- Adoption
    - 6405/08 RECH 56 ISR 9
    - 5655/08 RECH 24 ISR 7
31. Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt
- Adoption
    - 6391/08 RECH 54 EG 5
    - 5654/08 RECH 23 EG 1
32. Proposal for a Council Decision amending Council Decision of 16 December 1980 setting up the consultative committee for the fusion programme
- Adoption
    - 6518/08 RECH 61 ATO 15
    - 5658/08 RECH 26 ATO 10
33. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy statistics **(LA) (First Reading)**
- Approval of the final compromise text
    - 5243/08 STATIS 7 ENER 10 COMPET 10 CODEC 29

## II

### 34. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs**) on 29 February 2008

#### 1. **Preparation of the Spring European Council**

- (a) **Key Messages** based on (b) to (g)
  - Adoption
  - Policy debate  
(Public debate, pursuant to Article 8(3) CRP)  
5986/08 SOC 65 ECOFIN 42 EDUC 36
  
- (b) Communication from the Commission to the European Council "Strategic report on the **renewed Lisbon strategy for growth and jobs**: launching the new cycle (2008-2010) - Keeping up the pace of change"  
16714/07 ECOFIN 519 COMPET 442 SOC 543 ENV 721 EDUC 224  
RECH 433 ENER 326  
+ ADD 1
  
- (c) **Joint Employment Report 2007/2008**
  - Adoption  
16714/07 ECOFIN 519 COMPET 442 SOC 543 ENV 721 EDUC 224  
RECH 433 ENER 326 ADD 2 (Part III)  
5984/08 SOC 63 ECOFIN 40 EDUC 35
  
- (d) **Integrated Guidelines for Growth and Jobs** (2008-2010)  
Proposal for a Council Decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States (LA)
  - General approach  
16714/07 ECOFIN 519 COMPET 442 SOC 543 ENV 721 EDUC 224  
RECH 433 ENER 326 ADD 4  
+ ADD 4 COR 1  
+ ADD 4 REV 1 (en)  
5997/08 SOC 66 ECOFIN 43 EDUC 37  
6504/08 SOC 108 ECOFIN 74 EDUC 53
  
- (e) Commission Recommendation for a Council Recommendation on the 2008 update of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States and the Community and on the **implementation of Member States' employment policies**
  - Political agreement  
16714/07 ECOFIN 519 COMPET 442 SOC 543 ENV 721 EDUC 224  
RECH 433 ENER 326 ADD 3  
5985/08 SOC 64 ECOFIN 41

- (f) Joint Report on **Social Protection and Social Inclusion 2008**
  - Adoption
  - 5999/08 SOC 67
  - 6214/08 SOC 89 ECOFIN 64 FSTR 1 EDUC 43 SAN 24
  - + COR 1
- (g) Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on **equality between women and men, 2008**  
5710/08 SOC 45

2. Preparation of the **Tripartite Social Summit**

- Exchange of views

3. Communication from the Commission on the **Single Market Review**

- Endorsement of joint Employment Committee/Social Protection Committee opinion
- 6048/08 SOC 71 MI 44 ECOFIN 45

4. Draft Resolution of the Council of the European Union and the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the situation of **persons with disabilities** in the European Union

- Political agreement
- 15914/07 SOC 510
- 6456/08 SOC 106

35. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Environment**) on 3 March 2008

1. **Climate - Energy Legislative Package (LA)**

- Policy debate  
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)
- 5866/08 ENV 53 ENER 30 IND 12 COMPET 32 MI 35 ECOFIN 35 TRANS 23  
AVIATION 26 AGRI 24
- 5862/08 ENV 52 ENER 29 IND 11 COMPET 31 MI 34 ECOFIN 34 TRANS 22  
AVIATION 25 CODEC 105
- 5849/08 ENV 50 ENER 28 IND 10 COMPET 30 MI 33 ECOFIN 32 TRANS 20  
CODEC 104
- 5835/08 ENV 48 ENER 27 IND 9 CODEC 103
- 6404/08 ENV 89 ENER 47 IND 13 COMPET 56 MI 54 ECOFIN 68 TRANS 38  
AVIATION 41 AGRI 45 CODEC 186

36. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**) on 28 February 2008

1. **Climate - Energy Legislative Package (LA)**

- Policy debate  
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(a) CRP)  
5421/08 ENER 15 ENV 24 TRANS 15 AGRI 15 CODEC 58  
5935/08 ENER 36 ENV 62 TRANS 26 AGRI 33 CODEC 119

2. Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions  
"A European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (**SET-Plan**) - Towards a low-carbon future"

- Adoption of Council conclusions  
15458/07 ENER 288 ENV 640 RECH 382 (x)  
5633/08 ENER 19 ENV 33 RECH 21

3. **Internal Energy Market Legislative Package**

- (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/54 concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity (LA)
- (b) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/55 concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas (LA)
- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (LA)
- (d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1228/03 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity (LA)
- (e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1775/05 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks (LA)
- Policy debate on key issues  
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)  
13043/07 ENER 221 CODEC 948 (x)  
13045/07 ENER 222 CODEC 949 (x)  
13046/07 ENER 223 CODEC 950 (x)  
13048/07 ENER 224 CODEC 951 (x)  
13049/07 ENER 225 CODEC 952 (x)  
6324/08 ENER 44 CODEC 181

## MEETING ON FRIDAY 22 (10:15) FEBRUARY 2008

### II

37. **Setting** of the provisional **agenda** for the Council meeting (**Agriculture and Fisheries**) on 17 March 2008

**(For the items within the remit  
of the Permanent Representatives Committee)**

35. **Preparation** of the Council meeting (**Environment**) on 3 March 2008 (**continued**)

2. **Contribution to the Spring European Council**

- Adoption of Council conclusions  
6415/08 ENV 91 ECO 20 ECOFIN 71 ENER 50 MI 56 RECH 58 AG 18  
POLGEN 13

3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce **CO2 emissions** from light-duty vehicles (LA)

- Policy debate  
(Public deliberation, pursuant to Article 8(1)(c) CRP)  
5089/08 ENV 4 ENT 1 CODEC 8  
6418/08 ENV 92 ENT 26 CODEC 191

4. Preparation for the ninth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) to the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** (Bonn, 19 to 30 May 2008)

- Adoption of Council conclusions  
6174/08 ENV 76 AGRI 40 RECH 44 ENER 41 PI 7 FORETS 5 PECHE 33  
ONU 6

5. Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (**COP/MOP 4**) serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Bonn, 12 to 16 May 2008)

- Adoption of Council conclusions  
6346/08 ENV 86 WTO 24 ONU 7 AGRI 43

38. **Sustainability criteria for biofuels**

- Examination of the procedure  
6145/07 ENV 80 ENT 17 ENER 59 TRANS 34 CODEC 98 (x)  
+ REV 1 (en) (x)  
5421/08 ENER 15 ENV 24 TRANS 15 AGRI 15 CODEC 58  
6208/08 ENV 77 ENT 21 ENER 43 TRANS 31 AGRI 42



39. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the selection and authorisation of systems providing mobile satellite services (**MSS**) (LA) (**First reading**)
- Examination of the Presidency compromise text  
12413/07 TELECOM 102 MI 193 CODEC 863 (x)  
6471/08 TELECOM 13 MI 58 CODEC 196
40. Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the further implementation of the European satellite radionavigation programmes (**EGNOS and Galileo**) (LA) (**First reading**)
- Presidency briefing on the outcome of the informal trilogue
- Any other business

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- (1) These items will be considered by the Mertens Group on 19 February 2008.
- (+) Item which may be adopted by silence procedure, in accordance with Article 12 (2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
- (LA) Legislative Act.
- (°) Item on which a procedural decision may be adopted by COREPER, in accordance with Article 19(7) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
- (x) Out of stock.