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PRE012 (Presse)

The 2713th session of the Council of the European Union (**ENVIRONMENT**) will take place on 9 March 2006 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Josef PRÖLL**, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

- Thematic Strategy on air pollution  
= *Council conclusions*
- Type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions and on access to vehicle repair information
  - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 72/306/EEC and Directive .../.../EC (Euro 5)  
= *Policy debate*
- Genetically modified organisms (GMOs)
  - Policy debate  
= *Public debate*
- (a) Eighth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Curitiba, Brazil, 20 to 31 March 2006)  
= *Council conclusions*
- (b) Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Curitiba, Brazil, 13 to 17 March 2006)  
= *Council conclusions*  
= *Adoption of Council Decision*
- Assessment and management of floods
  - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council  
= *Progress report*
- Follow-up to the 11th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in conjunction with the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (Montreal, 28 November to 9 December 2005)  
= *Council conclusions*

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- Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Geneva, 1 to 5 May 2006)
  - = *Council conclusions*
- Preparation of the Spring European Council
  - = *Council conclusions*
- Review of the Sustainable Development Strategy
  - = *Policy debate*
- Thematic Strategy on the prevention and recycling of waste
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste
  - = *Policy debate*

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council at the end of the session.

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