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The 2714th session of the Council of the European Union (**EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**) will take place on 10 March 2006 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mrs Ursula HAUBNER**, Federal Minister for Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection and **Mr Martin BARTENSTEIN**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour, of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

- Preparation of the Spring European Council
 - (a) Key Messages based on b) to f)
 - Adoption
 - Policy debate

(Public debate)
 - (b) Communication from the Commission to the Spring European Council "Time to move up a gear"
 - (c) Joint Employment Report
 - Adoption
 - (d) Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion
 - Adoption
 - (e) Communication from the Commission "Working together, working better: A new framework for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies in the European Union"
 - Joint Social Protection Committee/Economic Policy Committee Opinion
 - = Endorsement
 - (f) Report from the Commission on equality between women and men, 2006
- Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit
 - = Exchange of views
- Work Programme of the Employment Committee 2006
 - = Information

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- Work Programme of the Social Protection Committee 2006
 - = Information

- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community (Miscellaneous amendments 2005)
 - = General approach

- Report on the Functioning of the Transitional Arrangements set out in the 2003 Accession Treaty (period 1 May 2004–30 April 2006)
 - = Presentation by the Commission

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