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The 2710th session of the Council of the European Union (**EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE**) will take place on 23 February 2006 (**9h30**), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Ms Elisabeth Gehrler**, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Culture and **Ms Ursula Haubner**, Federal Minister, Federal Ministry of Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

EDUCATION

- Communication from the Commission to the Spring European Council "Time to move up a gear - The new partnership for growth and jobs"
 - *Presentation by the Commission*
- "Modernising education and training: a vital contribution to prosperity and social cohesion in Europe" - 2006 joint interim report of the Council and the Commission on the progress of the Education & Training 2010 work programme
 - *Adoption of the joint report*
 - *Key messages to the Spring European Council*
- Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on key competences for lifelong learning
 - *Exchange of views*
- Communication from the Commission on "The European Indicator of Language Competence"
 - *Policy debate*
- Communication from the Commission on "A new Framework Strategy for Multilingualism"
 - *Presentation by the Commission*

YOUTH

- Communication from the Commission to the Spring European Council "Time to move up a gear - The new partnership for growth and jobs"
 - *Exchange of views*
- Contribution of the Council to the Spring European Council on the implementation of the European Pact for Youth
 - *Adoption of Council conclusions*

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Press conferences will be held by the President of the Council before lunch about Education issues and at the end of the meeting concerning Youth items.

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