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The 2721st session of the Council of the European Union (**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**) will take place on 27 March 2006 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Hubert GORBACH**, Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

LAND TRANSPORT

- Revised Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on public passenger transport services by rail and road
 - = Progress report / Policy debate

- Road Safety
 - (a) Mid-term review on Road Safety action programme: "Halving the number of road accident victims in the European Union by 2010"
 - = Presentation by the Commission
 - Public debate***
 - (b) Informal ministerial meeting on Road Safety (Bregenz, 2-3 March 2006)
 - = Information from the Presidency

- Inland Waterways:
 - (a) Communication from the Commission on the promotion of inland waterway transport "Naiades" - An Integrated European Action Programme for Inland Waterway Transport
 - = Presentation by the Commission
 - (b) High Level Meeting on inland navigation (Vienna, 14-15 February 2006)
 - = Information from the Presidency

AVIATION

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of aviation security
 - = General Approach

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- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation European air traffic management system (SESAR) (Single Sky)
 - = Progress report
- External relations:
 - (a) EU-US negotiations for an air transport agreement
 - = Information from the Commission
 - (b) EU-Russia - Siberian overflights
 - = Adoption of Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate with the Russian Federation to solve the issue of the Siberian overflight payments

INTERMODAL QUESTIONS

- Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
 - = Key elements of the Concession Contract
 - Information from the Commission / Exchange of views
- Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EU SDS)
 - = Policy debate
 - Public debate***

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council before lunch (around 13h00) and at the end of the session (to be confirmed).

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