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The 2731st session of the Council of the European Union - **COMPETITIVENESS (Internal market, Industry and Research)** - will take place on 29 (9.30) and 30 May 2006 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Martin Bartenstein**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour, **Ms Elisabeth Gehrler**, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Culture and **Mr Hubert GORBACH**, Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

- **Better Regulation**  
= *Progress report/Exchange of views*  
*Public debate*
- **Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy**  
= *Policy debate*
- **Credit agreements for consumers**  
Modified proposal for a directive amending Council Directive 93/13/EC  
= *Policy debate*
- **Services in the Internal Market**  
Amended proposal for a directive  
= *Political agreement*  
*Public deliberation*
- **Regulation laying down the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in actions under the 7th Framework Programme and for the dissemination of research results (2007-2013)**  
= *General approach*

- **Decision concerning the 7th Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (2007-2013)**
  - = *General approach*
  
- **Council decision concerning the 7th Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) for nuclear research and training activities (2007-2011)**
  - = *General approach*
  
- **Space policy**
  - = *Progress report by the Commission on the development of the European Space Policy and road map*
  - = *Presidency report on the GMES conference (Graz, 19-20 April 2006)*

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