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In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6, of the Council's rules of procedure, the Presidency attaches for information the indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) for the period up to 30 June 2006.

Austrian Presidency
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
prepared by COREPER (Part 2)

COUNCIL	DATE					
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS	30/31.01.06	27/28.02.06	20/21.03.06	10/11.04.06	15/16.05.06	13/14.06.06
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	24.01.06	14.02.06	14.03.06		05.05.06	07.06.06
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS		20/21.02.06		27/28.04.06		01/02.06.06

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 30/31 JANUARY 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Operational programme of the Council for 2006 / Commission Work Programme (public debate)
3. (poss.) Financial Perspective: IIA
4. Lisbon Strategy: Commission Annual Progress Report
= Oral presentation by the Commission

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. Belarus
3. (poss.) Iran
4. (poss.) MEPP
5. (poss.) Iraq
6. (poss.) Syria
7. (poss.) WTO/DDA

Possible "A" items

- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- Transparency: list of open debates on acts adopted in accordance with the codecision procedure (Article 8(1)(a) of the rules of procedure)
- Extension and amendment of the mandate for the EUSR for Central Asia, for Moldova (poss. follow-up to the EUSR Border Team), for Southern Caucasus (new appointment), for Afghanistan, for FYROM, for BiH (new appointment), poss. for the Great Lakes , for the Middle East
- Visa ban Moldova (review of Common Position 2005/147/CFSP)
- (poss.) Zimbabwe: Common Position
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action in support of BTWC
- (poss.) DPRK
- Preparation of the 11th meeting of the EU-Bulgaria Association Council
- Presidency programme for Implementation of Common Strategy for the Mediterranean – respectively of the Work Programme and Code of Conduct for the Fight against Terrorism adopted at the EUROMED Summit in Barcelona Nov. 2005

In the margins of the Council

- Troika with Serbia and Montenegro
- Association Council with Bulgaria

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 27/28 FEBRUARY 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March 2006: annotated draft agenda
3. (poss.) Financial Perspective: IIA
4. (poss.) Structural Funds: political agreement on draft regulations
5. (poss.) External Action Instruments

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. Iran
3. (poss.) MEPP
4. (poss.) Iraq
5. (poss.) Uganda

Possible "A" items

- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action in support of CTBTO
- (poss.) Relations with Uzbekistan
Establishment of the position of the EU for the 7th Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan on 28 February 2006
- Relations with South Caucasus
Adoption of ENP Action Plans for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
- (poss.) Termination and possible Follow-up of the Aceh Monitoring Mission
- ICTY visa ban
- (poss.) EU position in UN Commission on Human Rights (62nd Session)
- Communication on EU relations with Latin America
- (poss.) PPC Russia (Justice, Freedom and Security)
- EU position for the Co-operation Council with Armenia
- EU position for the Co-operation Council with Azerbaijan
- EU position for the Co-operation Council with Georgia

In the margins of the Council

- (poss.) Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan
- (poss.) EU/Armenia Co-operation Council
- (poss.) EU/Azerbaijan Co-operation Council
- (poss.) EU/Georgia Co-operation Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 20/21 MARCH 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March 2006: draft conclusions
3. (poss.) Financial Perspective: IIA

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. (poss.) MEPP
3. (poss.) Ukraine
4. (poss.) Iran, Iraq
5. (poss.) WTO/DDA

Possible "A" items

- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- Report of the European Council to the European Parliament on progress achieved by the Union in 2005
- (poss.) Structural Funds: adoption of Council common positions on draft Regulations
- EUSEC Congo
- EUPOL Kinshasa
- Relations with Romania
Establishment of the position of the EU for the Association Council
- Relations with Algeria
Establishment of the position of the EU for the Association Council

In the margins of the Council

- Association Council with Romania
- Association Council with Algeria
- Troika Meeting OSCE
- EU Troika with Albania

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 10/11 APRIL 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Enlargement
 - (poss.) Preparation of the next Accession Conferences with Turkey and Croatia
3. (poss.) Fundamental Rights Agency
4. (poss.) Access to the labour markets according to the treaty of accession 2003: Examination of the report by the Commission on the application of national measures by Member States

Session on External Relations

1. Africa
2. Development issues
 - (poss.) EU Strategy for the Caribbean and/or Pacific Regions
 - (poss.) Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
 - Instruments of development cooperation
 - Energy and development cooperation
 - Follow-up to Monterrey and World Summit (EU annual monitoring report)
 - EU-Aid-Effectiveness (Common CSP Framework)
 - Follow-up UN-Reform
3. Western Balkans
4. (poss.) MEPP
5. (poss.) Iran, Iraq
6. Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development
 - Orientation debate
7. (poss.) Ukraine
8. Sudan
9. UN Summit follow-up

Possible "A" items

- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- Croatia
Adoption of EU position in view of the SA Council with Croatia
- Preparation of the IV EU-LAC Summit (Vienna, 12 May 2006) and related summits (13 May 2006)
- Relations with Moldova
Establishment of the position of the EU for the 8th Cooperation Council on 11 April 2006
- (poss.) Extension EUJUST LEX
- Burma/Myanmar: (Review Common Position)
- Information on the preparation of the EU Japan Summit on 24 April
- Relations with Lebanon
Establishment of the position of the EU for the Association Council

In the margins of the Council

- Cooperation Council with Moldova
- EU-Croatia, Stabilisation and Association Council
- Association Council with Lebanon

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 15/16 MAY 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 June 2006: annotated draft agenda
3. Enlargement
 - (poss.) Preparation of the next Accession Conferences with Turkey and Croatia

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. Military Capabilities
 - Single Progress Report
 - Progress Report on Force Catalogue
3. European Defence Agency
Report on the Agency's activities during 2005 and 2006
4. (poss.) State of play Civilian Headline Goal 2008
5. Iran
6. (poss.) MEPP
7. (poss.) Belarus
8. Relations with the Russian Federation
Information on the preparation of the 17th EU/Russia Summit (Sochi, 25 May 2006)
9. (poss.) DRC
10. (poss.) EU Africa strategy
11. (poss.) WTO/DDA

Possible "A" items

- Preparation of the 45th meeting of the EC-Turkey Association Council
- Relations with Ukraine
Establishment of the position of the EU for the 10th Cooperation Council on 16 May 2006
- (poss.) Structural Funds: adoption of Regulations
- DRC: Review Common Position
- Annual Report European Parliament
- ESDP and terrorism
Stocktaking of the conceptual framework on the ESDP dimension of the fight against terrorism including the report on interoperability between military and civilian capabilities (civil protection)
- European Defence Agency
- Single Progress Report
- Battle Groups
- Global Approach Deployability: Progress Report
- Maritime Dimension Headline Goal: Report
- EU Information Gathering Instrument and Operational Analysis Tool
- GCC: Establishment of the position of the EU
- Adoption of Joint Action in support of IAEA (follow-up to existing JA)
- EC-ACP Council: adoption of annotated agenda
- (poss.) JA (SALW Ukraine) Implementation of the EU Joint Action 2002/589/CFSP on the EU's contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons
- (poss.) Implementation of the UN Programme of Action on SALW
- (poss.) ESDP conclusions
- (poss.) Review of common position: Arms embargo against Sudan
- (poss.) Review of common position: Conflict prevention management and resolution in Africa

In the margins of the Council

- EU GCC Joint Council and Ministerial Meeting
- Association Council with Turkey
- Cooperation Council with Ukraine

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 13/14 JUNE 2006**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 June 2006: draft conclusions
3. Enlargement
 - Presentation of Commission reports on Bulgaria and Romania
 - (poss.) Preparation of the next Accession Conferences with Turkey and Croatia
4. Sustainable Development Strategy

Session on External Relations

1. (poss.) Preparation of EU-US Summit
2. Western Balkans
3. (poss.) MEPP
4. (poss.) Conclusions on the first evaluation of the EU Guidelines on Protection of Human Rights Defenders
5. (poss.) Cuba – Evaluation of the Common Position
6. (poss.) Iraq
7. (poss.) Iran

Possible "A" items

- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- External Action Instruments
- Six-monthly Progress Report on the implementation of the WMD Strategy
- ESDP Exercise Programme
- Relations with Egypt
Establishment of the position of the EU for the Association Council
- EEA
Establishment of the position of the EU for the EEA Council
- Update on Progress on strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean and Middle East
- Reports of ICTY to UNSC
- Evaluation of the OSCE priorities
- Althea Mission Review
- Evaluation of the Human Rights Dialogue with third countries
- ESDP Presidency Report
- Conflict Prevention Report
- EUPM Review
- EUPOL COPPS Review
- Exercise Programme
- (poss.) AMIS Sudan
- (poss.) EUSR Sudan
- EUPAD: termination
- Enlargement Protocols for SAAs Croatia and FYROM
- (poss.) Review of common position: Arms embargo against DR Congo
- (poss.) Preparation of the EU-Israel Association Council

In the margins of the Council

- EU-Egypt Association Council
- (poss.) Association Council with Israel
- EEA Council
- (poss.) Accession Conference of Croatia
- (poss.) Accession Conference with Turkey

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 24 JANUARY 2006**

- 1. Presidency Work Programme**
 - = Presentation

- 2. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**
 - Stability Programmes: First series of Member States
 - = Adoption of Council Opinions

 - Convergence Programmes: First series of Member States
 - = Adoption of Council Opinions

- 3. Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March**
 - Annual Progress Report on Growth and Jobs
 - = Presentation by the Commission

 - Report on the Quality of Public Finances
 - = Adoption of Council Conclusions

- 4. VAT Reduced Rates**
 - = Adoption

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p.m: Eurogroup

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14 FEBRUARY 2006**

1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact

- Stability Programmes: Second series of Member States
 - = Adoption of Council Opinions

- Convergence Programmes: Second series of Member States
 - = Adoption of Council Opinions

2. Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March

- Annual Progress Report on Growth and Jobs
 - = Orientation debate

- Key Issues Paper
 - = Orientation debate

- Ageing Report
 - = Adoption of Council Conclusions

3. Taxation

- Report on the Taxation Conference on 6/7 February in Vienna

- (poss.) VAT - One Stop Shop

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p.m: Eurogroup

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14 MARCH 2006**

- 1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**
 - Stability Programmes: Third series of Member States
= Adoption of Council Opinions
 - Convergence Programmes: Third series of Member States
= Adoption of Council Opinions

- 2. Preparation of the European Council on 23-24 March**
 - Key Issues Paper
= Adoption
 - (poss.) BEPG's Update
 - Follow-up European Growth Initiative
= Adoption of Council Conclusions
 - (poss.) Better Regulation

- 3. EU-Budget**
 - Discharge Procedure on the 2004 Budget

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p.m.: Eurogroup
Macroeconomic dialogue
(poss.) Troika meeting with the EP on BEPG's update

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 5 MAY 2006**

- 1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**

- 2. Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 June**

- 3. (poss.) Draft General Budget 2007:** Presentation by the Commission

- 4. Financial Services**

- 5. EIB**
 - General External Lending Mandate
 - = Orientation debate

- 6. Taxation**
 - VAT One stop shop

 - VAT Place of supply of services

 - Corporate tax base

 - Code of Conduct: Report on rollback

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**p.m.: Eurogroup
Dialogue with Acceding and Candidate Countries**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 7 JUNE 2006**

- 1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact**
- 2. Public Finance Report 2006**
- 3. Preparation of the European Council on 15-16 June**
- 4. Financial Services**
 - Management of Financial Crises: Report on Crises Simulation
 - Directive on the Legal Framework for Payment Systems in the Internal Market
- 5. EIB**
 - General External Lending Mandate
- 6. EU-US Dialogue: Preparation of the EU-US Summit**
 - Economic issues
- 7. (poss.) Taxation**

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**p.m.: Eurogroup
Conciliation with the EP on Financial Regulation
IB Governors' meeting**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 20/21 FEBRUARY 2005**

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure
2. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
3. (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion , on behalf of the Community, of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on the service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters
4. (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion , on behalf of the Community, of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters
5. Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the signing of the Hague Convention on the law applicable to certain rights in respect of securities held with an intermediary
6. (poss.) Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to the enforcement of sentences
7. Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant
8. (poss.) Procedural rights in criminal proceedings
9. Framework Decision on the fight against organised crime
10. Council Decision authorising signature by the Presidency of the EU surrender Agreement with Norway and Iceland
11. Follow-up to the Court's judgement of 13 September 2005 (Case C-176/03 Commission v Council)
12. (poss.) Green paper on European Migration Network
13. Commission Communication on the establishment of structures involving the national asylum services of the Member States for promoting cooperation

Possible "A" items

- Community Code on the Rules governing the movement of persons across borders
- Evaluation of the European network for protection of public figures set up by Council decision 2002/956/JHA
- Reviewed work plan for customs cooperation
- Discharge Europol Director
- Règlement Petit traffic frontalier
- CEPOL: Evaluation report
- Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on local border traffic at external borders of the Member States and amending the Schengen Convention and the Common Consular Instructions

In the margins of the Council: Mixed Committee

- Council conclusion on the evaluation of the Nordic countries.
- The follow up by Portugal on the 2003-evaluation
- SIS II
- Visa Information System
- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on local border traffic at external borders of the Member States and amending the Schengen Convention and the Common Consular Instructions
- Visa reciprocity mechanism

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 27/28 APRIL 2005**

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure
2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
3. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation establishing a European Small Claims Procedure
4. Framework Decision on participation in a criminal organisation
5. Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to the enforcement of sentences
6. Council Decision concerning arrangements for cooperation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States within the European Union
7. Directive and Framework Decision on counterfeiting
8. Principle of availability
9. Counter-Terrorism
10. (poss.) External relations - Discussion of the first country thematic reports
11. Regional Protection Programmes
12. (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment of a mutual information procedure concerning Member States' measures in the areas of asylum and immigration
13. (poss.) Proposition de DC relative à l'organisation et au contenu des échanges d'informations extraites du casier judiciaire entre les EM
14. (poss.) Proposition de DC sur la prise en compte des condamnations
15. Information by the Commission about new Communications

Possible "A" items

- Joint Evaluation Report Europol/Eurojust
- Adjustment of the basic salaries and allowances applicable to Europol staff for 2006
- Counter-Terrorism: TE-SAT
- (poss.) Decision of signature of the readmission and visa facilitation agreements EU/Russia
- Schengen-Evaluation Nordic Countries
- Third evaluation round: Reports Hungary, Spain

In the margins of the Council: Mixed Committee

- Visa Information System
- (poss.) Draft Decision of the Council concerning the access of Law Enforcement Authorities to the VIS
- (poss.) Proposals for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a simplified regime for transit through new Member States and for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a simplified regime for transit through Switzerland and Liechtenstein
- Common application centres for visa
- (poss.) Programme on Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows for the period 2007-2013
- Framework Decision on data protection
- Improvement of police cooperation between the Member States of the European Union especially at the internal borders and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement
- SIS II

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 1/2 JUNE 2005**

1. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
2. (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters
3. Proposal for a Regulation establishing a European Small Claims Procedure
4. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1348/2000 of 29 May 2000 on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters
5. (poss.) Maintenance obligations
6. Signature of the Lugano Convention
7. Directive and Framework Decision on counterfeiting
8. Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to the enforcement of sentences
9. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Civil justice" as part of the General programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice"
10. Proposal for a Council Decision establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Criminal justice"
11. Proposal for a Council Decision Establishing the specific Programme "Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism" for the Period 2007-2013 General Programme "Security and Safeguarding Liberties"
12. Rapid response and preparedness instrument
13. Proposal for a Council Decision Establishing the specific Programme "Prevention of and Fight against Crime" for the Period 2007-2013, General Programme "Security and Safeguarding Liberties"

14. Europol: OCTA 2006
15. Council Decision on the setting up of a European Anti-Corruption Network
16. (poss.) Proposal for a Council FD on mutual recognition of non-custodial pre-trial supervision measures
17. European Crime Prevention Network
18. European Integrated Crisis Management Arrangements / EU Emergency and Crisis Coordination Arrangements
19. European Programme for the protection of critical infrastructure
20. Counter-Terrorism:
 - Update of progress on the implementation of the EU Strategy on Radicalisation and Recruitment
 - Report on the implementation of the EU-Counter-Terrorism Action Plan/Strategy
21. Debate on the future of Europol
22. Rapports sur des Décisions-Cadre et conclusions sur des Conventions ONU
23. Future Proposition PNR
24. External relations
25. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals
26. Communication on the establishment of structures involving the national asylum services of the Member States for promoting cooperation
27. (poss.) Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on common standards on procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third country nationals
28. Improvement of the operational cooperation- training programme concerning expulsion measures
29. Communication of the European Commission on the integration of technical and financial support to third countries in the area of asylum and migration into the new financial instruments

Possible "A" items

- Draft agreement EC/EU - Liechtenstein Schengen and Dublin
- Conclusion EC/EU - Switzerland agreement Schengen and Dublin
- (poss.) Europol - third States agreements
- Europol budget 2007, work programme 2007 and annual report 2005
- CEPOL: annual report 2005
- CEPOL: annual programme 2007
- Schengen-evaluation – Follow-up Italy
- Preparatory actions for the Return Fund (first assessment)
- (poss.) Commission Communication on Migration and Development: Some concrete orientations (report on progress made on its implementation)
- (poss.) Monitoring and evaluation mechanism of third countries in the field of the fight against illegal immigration (second report by the Commission)

In the margins of the Council: Mixed Committee

- SIS II
- Improvement of police cooperation between the Member States of the European Union, especially at the internal borders and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement
- Framework Decision on data protection
- Visa Information System
- Proposal for a Decision of the Council concerning the access of Law Enforcement Authorities to the VIS
- Proposal for a Regulation amending the Common Consular Instructions
- Programme on Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows for the period 2007-2013
- Progress Report Schengen-evaluation of the new Member States