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In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 5, 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 31 December 2007.

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

COUNCIL	DATE					
	JULY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS	23/24.07.07		15/16.10.07	19/20.11.07	10/11.12.07	
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	10.07.07 13.07.07		9.10.07	13.11.07 23.11.07	4.12.07	
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS		17/18.09.07		8/9.11.07	6/7.12.07	

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 23/24 JULY 2007**

Session on General Affairs

- Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the European Parliament
- Presentation of the 4th Cohesion Report

Session on External Relations

- (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
- Council conclusions on the Western Balkans
 - = Kosovo
 - = (poss.) Albania
- (poss.) Ukraine
- (poss.) Iran
- (poss.) Iraq
- (poss.) Middle East
- (poss.) Sudan/Darfur
- UNGA Resolution on the death penalty
- (poss.) Somalia

Possible "A" items

- EU position for EU-fYROM Stabilisation and Association Council
- Extension of Joint Action on the ICO/EUSR Preparation Team (if no UNSC Resolution)
or
Adoption of a Joint Action on the EUSR/Kosovo (if UNSC Resolution)
- (poss.) Extension of Joint Action on EUPT Kosovo (if no UNSCR Resolution)
or Adoption of a Joint Action on the implementation of an EU/ESDP Mission (if UNSCR Resolution)
- Relations with Ukraine
= State of preparations for the 11th EU/Ukraine Summit (14 September 2007)
- (poss.) Cooperation and verification mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania: state of play
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action in support of CTBTO (Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organisation)
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action in support of CCW (Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons)
- Adoption of update annexes to the Council Regulation on export controls of dual use goods and technologies
- Adoption of 9th annual report on arms exports
- Council decision in support of SALW (Small Arms and Light Weapons) destruction in Ukraine (Namsa II)
- EU-Morocco Association Council: adoption of EU position
- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- Guidelines on Children's Rights
- Council Decision on the financial rules of the European Defence Agency and on the procurement rules and rules on financial contributions from the operational budget of the European Defence Agency
- EU-Chile Association Council : adoption of the EU position

In the margins of the Council

- EU-fYROM SAC
- EU-Morocco Association Council
- EU-Chile Association Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 15/16 OCTOBER 2007**

Session on General Affairs

- Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the European Parliament

Session on External Relations

- (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
- Council conclusions on the Western Balkans
 - = Albania (possibly if early elections)
 - = Western Balkans Forum: JHA Ministerial Troika
- (poss.) EU-Russia Summit Preparation
- (poss.) Iran
- (poss.) Iraq
- (poss.) Middle East
- (poss.) Afghanistan
- (poss.) Aid for Trade
 - = Joint implementation strategy

Possible "A" items

- (poss.) Adoption of Common Position renewing restrictive measures on Uzbekistan
- (pending UNSCR) Adoption of Common Position renewing restrictive measures on Côte d'Ivoire
- Decision to sign and conclude an Interim Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Montenegro
- EU Annual Report on Human Rights

- Relations with the Russian Federation
State of preparations for the EU-Russia Summit (Mafra, 26 October 2007)
- EU's expectations for United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Third Committee (social, humanitarian and cultural)
- Review following one year of Human Rights Council
- Preparation of EuroMed Ministerial Meeting (6 November)
= Common Position
- EU- Armenia Cooperation Council
= Establishment of the EU position
- EU - Azerbaijan Cooperation Council
= Establishment of the EU position
- EU - Georgia Cooperation Council
= Establishment of the EU position
- (poss.) Cooperation and verification mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania: state of play
- (poss.) Adoption of Council Joint Action extending ESDP Mission EUJUST LEX
- Adoption of Council Joint Action in the area of biosafety and -security
- Adoption of Council Joint Action in support of activities under UNSCR 1540 on Non-proliferation of WMD
- Adoption of Council Joint Action in support of chemical weapons destruction in Russia
- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- Decision establishing a Civil Protection Mechanism (Recast)
= Adoption

In the margins of the Council

- Signature ceremony for SAA with Montenegro
- EU-Armenia Cooperation Council
- EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council
- EU-Georgia Cooperation Council
- EU- OSCE Ministerial Meeting

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 19/20 NOVEMBER 2007**

Session on General Affairs

- Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the European Parliament
- Preparation of the European Council on 13/14 December 2007: annotated draft agenda
- (poss.) Enlargement
= Preparation of the Accession Conferences at Ministerial level with Turkey and Croatia

Session on External Relations

- Preparation of the EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon
- (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
- Council conclusions on the Western Balkans
= Kosovo
- (poss.) Iran
- (poss.) Iraq
- (poss.) Middle East
- (poss.) Sudan/Darfur
- Preparation of China Summit
- Preparation of India Summit
- EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit

Development Ministers

- Economic Partnership Agreements
= Council conclusions
- Orientation debate on the effectiveness of EU external action
= Policy Coherence for Development: focus on migration
= Council conclusions
- EU Consensus on Humanitarian Aid
= Adoption of the draft Consensus

Defence Ministers

- Adoption of the Progress Catalogue 07
- (poss.) Take note of the revision of the Forces Catalogue 07
- European Defence Agency:
= Report by the Head of the Agency to the Council
- Council Guidelines for the EDA's work in 2008
= Approval of guidelines for the Agency's agenda in 2008
- (poss.) Agreement on the three-year financial framework 2008-2010
- Council Conclusions on ESDP
= Approval

Joint session of Foreign Ministers with Development Ministers

- Development and Security
= Council conclusions
- Fragile States
= Council conclusions

Possible "A" items

- Extension of mandate of Stability Pact Special Coordinator until end March 2008
- (poss.) Caribbean Strategy/Pacific Strategy
= Council conclusions
- Annual report 2007 on EC Development Policy
= Council conclusions
- Biennial Policy Coherence for Development Report
= Council conclusions
- Global Climate Change Alliance between the EU and Developing Countries
= Council conclusions
- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- EU-Tunisia Association Council
= Adoption of EU position
- Cape Verde Council Conclusions
= Action Plan
- ACP - Financial Regulation
- Adoption of Joint Action extending EUPM in Bosnia
- Council Decision on the financing of EUPOL COPPS
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action revising JA 2005/575/CFSP on ESDC (European Security and Defense College)
- (poss.) Extension on the Textile Products Trade Agreement

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- EU-Tunisia Association Council
- EU-EEA Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 10/11 DECEMBER 2007**

Session on General Affairs

- Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the European Parliament
- Preparation of the European Council on 13/14 December 2007: draft conclusions
- Enlargement
 - = Council conclusions

Session on External Relations

- (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
- Western Balkans - Council conclusions on:
 - = Follow-up of the Thessaloniki Agenda and Salzburg: entry into force of visa facilitation and readmission agreements
 - = Council position on Annual Review of Stabilisation and Association Process
- (poss.) Iran
- (poss.) Iraq
- (poss.) Middle East

Possible "A" items

- EU-Russia PPC (Troika) (Brussels, 10/11 December 2007)
 - = Establishment of the EU position
- Adoption of Council Joint Action in support of BTWC (Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention)
- (poss.) Adoption of Council Joint Action in the field of fight against illicit trafficking of SALW (Small Arms and Light Weapons) in Africa
- Adoption of the six-monthly progress report on the implementation of the EU WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Strategy

- Adoption of the updated list of priorities for the implementation of the EU WMD Strategy
- Export controls of dual use goods and technologies: adoption of progress report on the implementation of recommendations of the Peer review
- Report on proceedings in the Council's other configurations
- EU-Jordan Association Council
= Adoption of EU position
- Interim Report on the EU Strategic Partnership with the Mediterranean and the Middle East
- Annual Human Rights Review
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action establishing EU Security Sector Reform mission in Guinea-Bissau
- EU Training Programme relevant to ESDP
- Presidency Report on ESDP
- (poss.) Adoption of Common Position renewing restrictive measures on Liberia

In the margins of the Council

- EU-Jordan Association Council
- EU-Russia PPC

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 10 JULY 2007**

- Presidency Work Programme
 - = Presentation
- Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (*restricted session*)
- (poss.) Adoption of the Euro
 - = Adoption of legal acts
- Public Finances in EMU 2007
 - = Exchange of views
- Relations with Third Countries
 - a) Follow up to the EU-US Summit
 - = Debriefing by the Presidency and the Commission
 - b) Dialogues with Other Third Countries: Economic, financial and regulatory aspects
 - = Information by the Commission and exchange of views
- International Accounting Standards Board: governance and financing
 - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO): Financing aspects
 - = Exchange of views

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Monday 9 July 2007

17h00: Eurogroup

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (BUDGET) COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 13 JULY 2007**

- Preparation of the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament
- Establishment by the Council of the draft budget of the European Union for 2008
- A.O.B.

Comment:

This is the customary "first reading" by the Council, preceded by a conciliation meeting with the EP.

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 9 OCTOBER 2007**

- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (*restricted session*)
- Better Regulation: Improving competitiveness
= Council conclusions
- Flexicurity: Economic Aspects
= Exchange of views
- Financial Services
 - Clearing and Settlement
= Council conclusions
 - EU arrangements for financial stability
= Council conclusions
- Public Finances in EMU – Improving the effectiveness of the preventive arm of the Stability and Growth Pact
= Council conclusions

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- Eurogroup (8 October 2007)
- Macroeconomic Dialogue (12 November 2007)

Possible "A" Item

- (poss.) Extension/amendment of Common Position (2004/694/CFSP on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia) - expires 10/10/2007

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 13 NOVEMBER 2007**

- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (*restricted session*)
- Lisbon Strategy: The new three year cycle
 - = Exchange of views
- European Growth Initiative: Mid-term Review
 - = Council conclusions
- Quality of Public Finances
 - = Council conclusions
- Globalisation: capital and labour flows
 - Report by the Commission on migration
 - = Exchange of views
- Single Market Review
 - = Council conclusions
- Statistics
 - a) Statistical Governance
 - = Political agreement
 - b) 2007 Status Report
 - = Council conclusions
 - c) Reduction of the statistical burden
 - = Council conclusions
 - d) Proposal by the Committee for Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics on public communication of major statistical revisions
 - = Council conclusions

- Taxation
 - a) Reduced VAT rates
 - = Orientation debate
 - b) Green Taxation: passenger car-related taxes
 - = Political agreement/Adoption
- Financial Management
 - Presentation of the Annual Report Concerning the Financial Year 2006 by the Court of Auditors

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- Eurogroup (12 November 2007)
- Ministerial Meeting with the EFTA Countries (13 November 2007)
- Macro-Economic Dialogue (or 12 November 2007)
- Meeting of the ECOFIN-Troika with Representatives of the European Parliament (12 November 2007)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (BUDGET) COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 23 NOVEMBER 2007**

- Preparation of the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament
- Letter of amendment to the preliminary draft budget for 2008
- Draft EU Budget for 2008 as amended and accompanied by proposals for modifications by the European Parliament: second reading
- A.O.B.

Comment:

This is the customary "second reading" by the Council, preceded by a conciliation meeting with the EP.

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 4 DECEMBER 2007**

- (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (*restricted session*)
 - Lisbon multilateral surveillance
 - = Council Conclusions

- Financial Services
 - a) Directive on the solvency of insurance companies (Solvency II)
 - = General approach

 - b) Lamfalussy review
 - = Council conclusions

 - c) Risk Capital
 - = Council conclusions

- Taxation
 - a) Combating tax fraud
 - = Council conclusions

 - b) VAT Package
 - = Adoption

 - c) Reduce VAT rates
 - = Adoption

 - d) Code of Conduct on Business Taxation
 - = Report to the Council

 - e) (poss.) Coordination of Tax Systems

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- Eurogroup (3 December 2007)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 17/18 SEPTEMBER 2007**

- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of highly skilled workers
 - = Presentation by the Commission and first exchange of views
- (poss.) Proposal for a Framework Directive on the status of persons who wish to enter the territory of the Member States for exercising an economic activity
 - = Presentation by the Commission and first exchange of views
- FRONTEX (COMIX)
 - Current situation on the southern maritime borders
 - Report on development of the European Patrols Network and use of "toolbox" (Article 7 of the Frontex regulation)
 - (poss.) General report on 2006 from Frontex (Article 20(2)(b) of the Frontex Regulation)
- (poss.) Third report on visa waiver reciprocity
- Framework Decision on data protection (COMIX) (2005/0202 (CNS))
 - = Discussion on certain questions
- (poss.) Weapons Directive (COMIX) (2006/0031 (COD))
(EP will vote on 1st reading in September; Council will have to take position with regard to EP amendments)
- (poss.) Decision establishing Europol
 - = Discussion on certain questions
- SISone4ALL (COMIX): state of play
- SIS II (COMIX): state of play
- Network (COMIX): state of play
- Preparation of EuroMed Ministerial Meeting on migration

- (poss.) “European Day against the Death Penalty”
- (poss.) Amendment of the provisions of the Statute of the Court of Justice instituting an emergency preliminary ruling procedure
 - = Presentation and first exchange of views
- Framework Decision on the European Supervision Order
 - = Orientation debate

Possible "A" Items

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between member States on short-stay visas
- Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third country nationals
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission (2006/0279 (COD))
- Council Conclusions on issuing of visas to participants in Euromed meetings
- Proposals for Council Decisions on the signature of visa facilitation and readmission agreements (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, FYROM, Moldova, Montenegro, and Serbia)
- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision amending Annex I to the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania
- (poss.) Signature of the Lugano Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters
- Draft Council Decision amending Council Act of 3 November 1998 adopting rules applicable to Europol analysis files
- (poss.) Update of Police Cooperation Handbook (if not later)
- Set of additional DNA markers to the European Standard Set of Loci

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 8/9 NOVEMBER 2007**

- (poss.) Conclusions on “Trafficking in human beings”
 - = Adoption

- (poss.) Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Committee of Regions: *Towards a general policy on the fight against cyber crime*
 - = Exchange of views and (possible) Council conclusions

- Proposal for a modification of the Council Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism
 - = Presentation by the Commission and first exchange of views

- Directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law
 - = Orientation debate

- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a European Migration Network
 - = General approach (in the absence of EP opinion)

- (poss.) Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Common Consular Instructions on visas for diplomatic and consular posts in relation to the introduction of biometrics and including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications (COMIX)
 - = General approach

- Framework Decision on data protection (COMIX) (2005/0202 (CNS))
 - = Discussion on certain questions

- Decision establishing Europol
 - = Discussion on certain questions

- Terrorism
 - Action Plan enhancing the security of Explosives: adoption

 - Council conclusions on Bio-preparedness: adoption

 - Council conclusions on Crisis Management of terrorist related events: adoption

- Assessment of the Schengen Evaluations of NMS (COMIX)

- Decision[s] on lifting border checks (COMIX)
- (poss.) State of play of possible Schengen re-visits (COMIX)
- Proposal for a Directive of the Council on the identification and designation of European Critical Infrastructure and assessment of the need to improve their protection (2006/0276 (CNS))
 - = Political agreement
- Proposal for an European Parliament and Council Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (COMIX)
 - = Discussion of certain outstanding issues
- Debriefing on the CCA Exercise
- Report from the Commission on the evaluation of the Dublin System
 - = Council conclusions
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters (2004/0251 (COD))
 - = Political agreement
- SISone4ALL (COMIX): state of play
- SIS II (COMIX): state of play
- SIS-Network (COMIX): state of play
- SISNET 2008 Budget (COMIX): approval
- (Poss.) Amendment of the provisions of the Statute of the Court of Justice, instituting an emergency preliminary ruling procedure
 - = Final adoption
- (Poss.) Approval of an amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice, instituting an emergency preliminary ruling procedure
 - = Final approval
- Council Decision on cooperation of special intervention units (“Atlas Decision”)
 - = Orientation debate

Possible "A" Items

- Proposal for a Decision by the European Parliament and Council introducing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by Bulgaria and Romania of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for the purpose of transit through their territories
- Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Republic of Slovenia to ratify, in the interest of the European Community, the Protocol of 12 February 2004 amending the Paris Convention of 29 July 1960 on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy (2006/0260 (AVC))
= Adoption
- Proposal for Council Decision on the conclusion of visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Ukraine
- Proposal for Council Decisions on the conclusion of visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Western Balkans Countries (Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, FYROM, Montenegro, and Serbia)
- (poss.) Recommendation for a Council Decision concerning the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations, opened for signature in Rome on 19 June 1980 (2007/0077 (CNS))
- CEPOL budget 2008, work programme 2008, annual report 2006, final accounts 2006 (*if not yet done before*)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 6/7 DECEMBER 2007

- Proposal for a Council Directive amending Council Directive 2003/109 to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection
 - = General approach
- Future Common European Asylum System
 - = Orientation debate
- Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a European Migration Network
 - = General approach (*in the absence of EP opinion*) or political agreement (*if the item has not been agreed in November*)
- Global Approach to Migration
 - = Progress report and exchange of views
- FRONTEX (COMIX)
 - (poss.) Commission evaluation report on Frontex (Article 33 of the Frontex Regulation)
 - (poss.) Frontex Programme for 2008 (Article 20(2)(c) of the Frontex Regulation)
- Report on Third round of mutual evaluations on law enforcement exchange of information
 - = Orientation debate on the implementation of the principle of availability
- Provisional report on the first 7 countries on evaluation of the EAW
 - = Orientation debate on the application and implementation of the EAW
- (poss.) Weapons Directive
 - = General approach
- (poss.) Council conclusions on the Proposal for a modification of the Council Framework Decision on Combating Terrorism
 - = Adoption
- (poss.) Council conclusions on Eurojust
 - = Adoption
- Framework Decision on the European Supervision Order
 - = Discussion on certain issues

- Framework Decision on the recognition and supervision of suspended sentences, alternative sanctions and custodial sentences
 - = General approach
- Directive on intellectual property rights (2005/0127 (COD))
 - = Orientation debate
- Directive on the protection of the environment through criminal law (207/0022 (COD))
 - = Orientation debate
- Decision establishing Europol
 - = General approach and implementation plan
- Terrorism
 - = Implementation of the strategy and action plan to combat terrorism
 - = Implementation report of the radicalisation and recruitment strategy and action plan
- Framework Decision on Data Protection (COMIX) (2005/0202 (CNS))
 - = General approach
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) (2005/0261 (COD))
 - = Political agreement
- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decision and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations (2005/0259 (CNS))
 - = Debate on certain issues / possible agreement on certain issues
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters (2004/0251 (COD))
 - = Political agreement
- (poss.) Common frame of reference for European Contract Law
 - = Debate on certain issues
- E-Justice
 - = Debate on certain issues / possible agreement on certain issues
- (poss.) Assessment of the Schengen re-visits (COMIX)
- Confirmation of dates for lifting border checks set in Decision on lifting of borders checks (COMIX)

- SIS II (COMIX): state of play
- SIS-Network (COMIX): state of play
- (poss.) Proposal for a directive of the Council on the identification and designation of European Critical Infrastructure and the assessment of the need to improve their protection (2006/0276 (CNS))
 - = Political agreement
- (poss.) Council conclusions on the establishment of a Detection and Early Warning System (EWS) for the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and other areas and on alarm signs and signals
 - = Adoption
- Council Decision implementing the Prüm Council Decision
(if not done before)
- (poss.) Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (COMIX)
 - = Adoption

JHA Council back-to-back with EPSO Council:

- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of highly skilled workers
 - = Orientation debate on certain issues
- (poss.) Proposal for a Framework Directive on the status of persons who wish to enter the territory of the Member States for exercising an economic activity
 - = Orientation debate on certain issues
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council providing for sanctions against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals
 - = Orientation debate

Possible "A" Items

- Presidency Conclusions on "Imprisonment: alternative sanctions and alternative measures"
 - = Adoption
- Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Civil justice" as part of the General programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice" (2005/0040 (COD))
 - = Adoption of the amended common position

- Amended Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Drugs prevention and information" as part of the General programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice" (2005/0037 B (COD))
 - = Adoption of the amended common position

 - Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Common Consular Instructions on visas for diplomatic and consular posts in relation to the introduction of biometrics and including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications
 - = Adoption

 - Evaluation of Council Decision 2004/919/EC of 22 December 2004 on tackling vehicle crime with cross-border implications

 - Evaluation of the Common Position on the exchange of data with Interpol on lost and stolen passports (if not in November)
-