

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 28/29 FEBRUARY 2008**

Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the European supervision order in pre-trial procedures between Member States of the European Union  
= certain issues

Initiative on amending Eurojust Decision  
= discussion on certain issues

(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law  
= general approach

Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police Office

(poss.) Council Decision on the implementation of the “Prüm Decision” on the stepping up of cross border cooperation

SIS II and SIS Communication Network  
preparation of migration

Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a European Migration Network  
= adoption

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council providing for sanctions against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals  
political agreement on the need for criminal sanctions (articles 10 to 13)

Recommendation from the Commission to the Council to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of a short-stay visa waiver agreement between the European Community and Brazil  
adoption of the mandate for negotiations

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 including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications  
first reading agreement or discussion of certain issues

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 93/109/EC of 6 December 1993 as regards certain detailed arrangements of the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and possession of weapons

### **Possible "A" items**

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Latvia, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for the purposes of transit through their territories

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision N° 896/2006/EC establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory

Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the EC and Switzerland (and Lichtenstein) on the modalities of its participation in the European Agency for the management of operational cooperation at the external borders of the Member States of the European Union

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters (CODEC)

(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) (CODEC)

(poss.) The Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock under the joint auspices of UNIDROIT and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

(poss.) The 2001 Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocol on matters specific to aircraft equipment

(poss.) The 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children

(poss.) Council of Europe Convention on contact concerning children

(poss.) Convention on the Carriage of Goods

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 17/18 APRIL 2008**

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law  
= political agreement

Initiative on amending Eurojust Decision  
= discussion on certain issues

Initiative on Framework Decision on the enforcement of *in absentia* judgments  
= discussion on certain issues

(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on criminal measures aimed at ensuring the enforcement of intellectual property rights

Framework decision on combating terrorism: amendments  
= political agreement

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council providing for sanctions against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals  
= adoption

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection  
= general approach

(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 including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications  
= common position

European Contract Law: Common Frame of Reference  
= Draft Council Conclusions

Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on Visas  
= discussion on certain questions

Final report on Schengen evaluation of 9 New Member States

Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police Office  
= political agreement on open questions

(poss.) Council Decision on the implementation of the “Prüm Decision” on the stepping up of cross border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross border crime – annex

SIS II and SIS Communication Network  
= state of play

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 2252/2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States  
= general approach

(poss.) Draft Council Conclusions on the further development of practical cooperation on asylum

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  
= adoption

EU Action plan for enhancing the security of explosives  
= political agreement

### **Possible "A" items**

Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial co-operation in criminal matters

Draft Council Decisions authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of visa waiver agreements between the European Community and Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Mauritius, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Seychelles

(poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I) (CODEC)

(poss.) The Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock under the joint auspices of UNIDROIT and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

(poss.) The 2001 Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocol on matters specific to aircraft equipment

(poss.) The 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children

(poss.) Council of Europe Convention on contact concerning children

(poss.) Convention on the Carriage of Goods

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 5/6 JUNE 2008**

Proposal for a Council Regulation on Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of judgements and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations  
= agreement on the Regulation or certain parts of it

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 as regards jurisdiction and introducing rules concerning applicable law in matrimonial matters (Rome III)  
= political agreement

(poss.) Decision amending Council Decision 2001/470/EC establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters  
= general agreement

Amendment of the provisions of the Statute of the Court of Justice instituting an emergency preliminary ruling procedure  
= political agreement

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law

Proposal for a Council framework Decision on the European supervision order in pre-trial procedures between Member States of the European Union  
= general approach on certain issues

Initiative on amending Eurojust Decision  
= general approach on certain issues

Initiative on Framework Decision on the enforcement of *in absentia* judgments  
= general approach

(poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on ship-source pollution  
= general approach

EU Passenger Name Records (PNR)  
= general approach

EU - Australia: PNR Agreement

(poss.) EU - Japan: Mandate for negotiation of a Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement

E-justice  
= state of play

Short-stay visa waiver agreement between the European Community and Brazil  
= Draft Council Decision on the signature

Draft 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)  
application of VIS at borders

= formal adoption

Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Code on Visas

= political agreement

Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police Office

= political agreement

(poss.) Council Decision on the implementation of the “Prüm Decision” on the stepping up of cross border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross border crime – annex

SIS II and SIS Communication Network

= state of play

External dimension of JHA

Report on implementation of JHA external strategy

Draft Council Conclusion on SEE OCTA

Debrief of the Ministerial meetings with Third Countries

Terrorism

(poss.) Draft Council Conclusions on links between drugs trafficking and terrorism

(poss.) Draft Council Conclusions on Close Circuit TV (CCTV)

(poss.) Draft Council Conclusions on Explosives

SISone4ALL: possible evolution

Schengen Evaluations

Proposal for a Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment

= discussion on certain issues

Draft Council Conclusions on the strengthening of the external borders / FRONTEX

(poss.) Fourth Report on Visa Waiver Reciprocity

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

= adoption

EU Disaster Response

= draft Council Conclusions

### **Possible "A" items**

Draft Council Decision on the signature of an agreement between the EC and Switzerland (and Lichtenstein) on the modalities of its participation in the European Agency for the

management of operational cooperation at the external borders of the Member States of the European Union

(poss.) Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

(poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the signing of the Hague Convention of 13 December 2002 on the law applicable to certain rights in respect of securities held with an intermediary: adoption

(poss.) The Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock under the joint auspices of UNIDROIT and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)

(poss.) The 2001 Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and its Protocol on matters specific to aircraft equipment

(poss.) The 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children

(poss.) Council of Europe Convention on contact concerning children

(poss.) Convention on the Carriage of Goods

#### **Further possible "A" items with no timing foreseen**

Modified draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third country nationals

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between the Member States on short stay visas (VIS Regulation)

Draft Europol budget 2009

Europol work program 2009

Europol annual report 2007

(poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences

(poss.) Council Decision on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime

(poss.) Draft Council Decision on the improvement of cooperation between the special intervention units of the Member States of the European Union in crisis situations

(poss.) [Third] Annual Report of the European Network for the Protection of Public Figures

(poss.) CEPOL annual report for the year 2007

(poss.) Draft Council Decision on the implementation of Decision 2007/.../JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime

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