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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 30 June 2007.
German Presidency
Draft Work Programme for Council meetings
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Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP at its period of session in Brussels, 29/30 November 2006 and in Strasbourg, 11/14 December 2006

2. Lisbon Strategy : Commission Annual Progress Report
   = presentation by the Commission

Session on External Relations

1. European Neighbourhood Policy

2. Relations with the Western Balkans

3. MEPP

4. Iran

5. (poss.) Iraq

6. Sudan

7. Energy External Relations
Possible "A" items

- Relations with Ukraine
  - Establishment of the position of the EU for the 9th meeting of the Cooperation Committee on 31 January 2007 in Kiev
  - Adoption of the negotiating mandate for a new Enhanced Agreement
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against extremists in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR in BiH.
- Adoption of the Council Joint Action on support for OPCW Activities in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Liberia (envisaged)
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Cote d’Ivoire (envisaged)
- Council Common Position and Regulation amending restrictive measures against Somalia (implementation of UNSC-Resolution 1725/2006) (envisaged)
- Conclusions on the implementation of the April 2004 Council conclusions on Cyprus

In the margins of the Council

- FM Troika meeting with Montenegro (22 January)
- FM Troika meeting with OSCE (23 January)
Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP

Session on External Relations

1. (poss.) Western Balkans
2. (poss.) MEPP
3. (poss.) Iran
4. (poss.) Iraq
5. (poss.) Sudan
6. (poss.) Côte d’Ivoire
7. Afghanistan
8. (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
Possible "A" items

- (poss.) Adoption of EU-UN declaration on co-operation in crisis management
- (poss.) Adoption of Joint Action extending mandate of ICM-Planning Team (Kosovo)
- Negotiations on an EU PCA with China
  = state of play
- Relations with Kazakhstan: Establishment of the position of the EU for the 9th Cooperation Council on 13 February 2007 in Brussels
- Relations with the Kyrgyz Republic: Establishment of the position of the EU for the 9th Cooperation Council on 13 February 2007 in Brussels
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Zimbabwe
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR in FYROM
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for Afghanistan
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for Central Asia
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for the Middle East peace process
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for Moldova
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for South Caucasus
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for the African Great Lakes Region
- Council Joint Action extending the mandate of the EUSR for Sudan
- Military Capabilities: Force Catalogue 07
In the margins of the Council

– EU-Western Balkans FM Summit (12 February)
– FM Troika meeting with Albania (13 February)
– EU-Kazakhstan Cooperation Council (13 February)
– EU-Kyrgystan Cooperation Council (13 February)
– Council of Europe (13 February)
Session on General Affairs

1. Preparation of the European Council on 8/9 March 2007: draft conclusions

2. Enlargement
   = Preparation of the Association Council with Turkey (Brussels, 6 March 2007)

3. Enlargement
   = Preparation of the Stabilisation and Association Council with Croatia
     (Brussels, 6 March 2007)

Session on External Relations

1. (poss.) Western Balkans

2. (poss.) MEPP

3. (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
Possible "A" items

- Uzbekistan (Council Conclusions)
- preview: EU-ASEAN meeting 15 March (poss. information note)
- (poss.) Mandates for bilateral FTA’s with India / ASEAN
- Association Agreements with the countries of Central America and the Andean region - negotiating directives
- (poss.) Conclusions on 4th Session of the Human Rights Council
- Council Common Position renewing measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
- (poss.) ALTHEA: Council conclusions
- Draft report of the European Council to the European Parliament on progress achieved by the Union in 2006
- (poss.) Preparations for EU-US summit
- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus
- UN-EU Declaration on Consultation and Cooperation in Crisis Management

In the margins of the Council

- EU-Egypt Association Council (5 March)
- EU-Israel Association Council (5 March)
- FM Troika meeting with Serbia (6 March)
- EU-Croatia Stabilisation and Association Council (6 March)
- EU-Turkey Association Council (6 March)
Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. MEPP
3. Central Asia Strategy
4. (poss.) Ukraine
   = Enhanced Agreement: state of play
5. (poss.) European Neighbourhood Policy (altern.: May Council)
   = Follow-up of the Commission Communication
6. (poss.) DR Congo
7. (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
Possible "A" items

- Horn of Africa-Strategy (Conclusions)
  
- Working Party on Nuclear Safety (WPNS)
  = Council conclusions

- Non-Proliferation Treaty
  = Council Conclusions

- 10th anniversary Chemical Weapons Convention (29 April 2007)
  = Council Conclusions

- Relations with the Gulf States/GCC (GCC : "A" item)
  = Preparations for the 17th EU-GCC Joint Council and Ministerial Meeting
  = Provisional agenda and Draft Communiqué

- Council Decision appointing EUSR

- Relations with Ukraine
  = Enhanced Agreement: state of play (likely to become an "A" point)

- European Neighbourhood Policy
  = Follow-up of the Commission Communication (likely to become an "A" point)

- Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar

- Council Common Position renewing certain restrictive measures against Uzbekistan

- (poss.) EU Exercise Programme: approval

- (poss.) Preparations for EU-US summit

- (poss.) Bosnia and Herzegovina – adoption and extension of EUSR mandate

In the margins of the Council

- FM Troika meeting with Russia (23 April)
- EU-Algeria Association Council (23 April)
- EU-Lebanon Association Council (24 April)
- FM Troika meeting with ECOWAS (24 April)
Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 21/22 June 2006: annotated draft agenda
3. Commission monitoring report on Bulgaria and Romania
   = (poss.) Draft Council conclusions

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. (poss.) MEPP
3. (poss.) Sudan
4. Afghanistan
5. (poss.) European Neighbourhood Policy (if not at April Council)
   = Follow-up of the Commission Communication
6. Cuba
7. (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
Possible "A" items

- Debate on EU-Africa Joint Strategy
- Small Arms and Light Weapons (Council Conclusions)
- Preview ASEM-Foreign Ministers’ meeting on 29 May (poss. information note)
- (poss.) EUSR/ICR Kosovo (envisaged)
  Council Joint Action establishing EUSR office in Kosovo
  Council Decision appointing EUSR
- Relations with the Russian Federation
  = Preparation of the 19th EU/Russia Summit on 15 May 2007
- Council Common Position renewing certain restrictive measures against Uzbekistan
- Preparation of the EU-Japan Summit
- Preparation of the EU Canada Summit
- FLEX: Modification of the system for stabilisation of losses of export earnings due to short-term fluctuations
- 9th EDF Reallocation decision
- ACP-EC-Joint Declaration on Desertification
- (Poss.) Adoption of visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Bosnia and Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia and visa facilitation agreement with Albania (depending on the outcome of negotiations)
- Joint Action on Security Sector Reform in DRC
- Annual Report from the Council to the European Parliament on the main aspects and basic choices of CFSP (Article G Report)
- Council conclusions on ESDP
- Single Progress Report on the development of military capabilities: the Council to note this report and agree its transmission to NATO as well as its release to FYROM and Croatia, for information purposes
In the margins of the Council

– European Economic Area Council (14 May)
– FM Troika meeting with South Africa (14 May)
– FM Troika meeting with the African Union (15 May)
**Sessions of Development Ministers:**

1. Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) review  
   Council conclusions

2. Energy and Development  
   Common background-paper Presidency - European Commission  
   Council conclusions

3. HIV/AIDS  
   Presidency (or poss. joint Presidency - Commission) report on implementation of EU-Action-Plan, Council conclusions

4. State of play of Joint EU-Africa Strategy

5. Gender and Development  
   Council conclusions

6. Complementarity and Division of Labour  
   Council conclusions

7. Employment and Development  
   Council conclusions

8. Monterrey: Financing for Development  
   Communication on annual Monterrey follow up, Council conclusions

**Session in Defence Ministers' composition**

1. Military capabilities  
   = State of play and way ahead towards the Headline Goal 2010: First results of the Assessment function  
   = Capability Development Plan: state of play and way ahead of the elaboration of the CDP following EDA's Steering Board in Dec 2006

2. Operations

3. European Defence Agency  
   = Report by the Head of the EDA to the Council on the agency's activities
Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
3. Enlargement
   = (poss.) Preparation of the Accession Conferences at Ministerial level with Turkey and Croatia

Session on External Relations

1. Western Balkans
2. (poss.) MEPP
3. Zimbabwe
4. (poss.) WTO/DDA negotiations
Possible "A" items

- Adoption of EU Strategy on Central Asia
- Report on European Neighbourhood Policy
- Conflict Prevention Report (annual report)
- (poss.) EUSR/ICR Kosovo
  = Council Joint Action establishing EUSR office in Kosovo
  = Council Decision appointing EUSR
- Relations with Ukraine
  = Establishment of the position of the EU for the 11th Cooperation Council (Foreign Ministers format) on 18 June 2007 in Brussels
- Relations with Moldova
  = Establishment of the position of the EU for the 9th Cooperation Council (Foreign Ministers format) on 18 June 2007 in Brussels
- Joint Action implementing the EU's WMD Strategy in respect of the Chemical Weapons Convention
- ESDP Presidency Report: endorsement
- SG/HR Report on the 5th ALTHEA Mission Review: approval
- Final Training Report: for notation and approval of the recommendations
- Council Joint Action regarding a further contribution of the EU to the conflict settlement process in Georgia/South Ossetia

In the margins of the Council

- EU-Moldova Cooperation Council (18 June)
- EU-Ukraine Cooperation Council (18 June)
- EU-Croatia Accession Conference (19 June)
- EU-Turkey Accession Conference (19 June)
Further possible "A" items
(date of adoption open)

- EDA - administrative agreement with Turkey
- Joint Action on cooperation with the Africa Centre for the Study and Research on terrorism
- Agreements with third states on security procedures for the exchange of classified information
- Council Joint Action amending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in BiH (possible take over of OHR)
- Relations with the Russian Federation
  Establishment of the EU position for the 6th Permanent Partnership Council (JHA) with Russia
- Relations with the Russian Federation
  Establishment of the EU position for the 2nd Permanent Partnership Council (Environment) with Russia
- (poss.) Relations with the Russian Federation
  Establishment of the EU position for the Permanent Partnership Council (Energy) with Russia
- (poss.) Relations with the Western Balkans
  Decisions on signing of SAAs with Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia
1. Presidency work programme
   – Presentation

2. (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
   – Excessive deficit procedure

3. Preparation of the meeting of the European Council (8 to 9 March 2007)
   – Key-issues paper
     = Orientation debate
   – Lisbon Strategy: Commission’s progress report
     = Orientation debate
     (including country specific recommendations)
     = Orientation debate
   – Reducing administrative burdens: Commission reports
     = Orientation debate

4. Convergence reports by the Commission and the European Central Bank
   – Presentation

5. Financial Services
   – Clearing and Settlement
     = Information of the European Central Bank on Target2-Securities

6. Enlargement of the euro area
   – Current status of Slovenia’s adoption of the euro: Report of the Commission
     = Presentation

7. AOB

p.m. : Eurogroup (29.1.07)
1. 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
   – (poss.) Excessive deficit procedure

2. Preparation of the meeting of the European Council (8 to 9 March 2007)
   – Key-issues paper
     = Adoption
     (including country specific recommendations)
     = Finalisation of the draft
   – Reducing administrative burdens
     = Council conclusions

3. General budget of the European Union
   – Discharge procedure in respect of implementation of the budget for 2005
     = Council recommendation

4. Financial Services
   – Clearing and Settlement
     = Report by the Commission on the monitoring process of the implementation
       and functioning of the Code of Conduct
   – (poss.) Directive on Payment Services in the Internal Market
     = General approach

5. AOB

p.m. : Eurogroup (26.2.07)
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
   – (poss.) Excessive deficit procedure

2. Broad Economic Policy Guidelines 2005-2008 (including country specific recommendations)
   – Updating the guidelines
     = Adoption of Council recommendations

3. General budget of the European Union
   – Council priorities for the 2008 budget
     = Adoption of Council conclusions

4. (poss.) Financial Services
     = Political agreement

5. Taxes
   – Communications from the Commission on direct taxes
     = Adoption of Council conclusions
   – Communication from the Commission on the EU-Joint Transfer Pricing Forum
     = Adoption of Council conclusions
   – (poss.) Combating Tax Fraud
     = Orientation debate

6. AOB

p.m. : Eurogroup (26.3.07)
1. (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
   - Excessive deficit procedure

2. Preliminary draft of the 2008 general budget (*)
   - Presentation by the Commission
(*) Under Council's Rules of Procedure Art. 19(6) this item is chaired by Portugal.

3. Financial market
   - “Lamfalussy-Process”
     = Orientation debate and (poss.) Adoption of Council conclusions
   - White paper on asset management
     = Adoption of Council conclusions
   - “Better regulation” and evaluation of the current status of integration
     = Orientation debate and (poss.) Adoption of Council conclusions
   - Communication from the Commission on deposit guarantee schemes
     = Adoption of Council conclusions
   - Hedge Funds
     = Adoption of Council conclusions

4. AOB

p.m. : Eurogroup (7.5.07)
1. (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
   – Excessive deficit procedure

2. Quality of Public Finances
   – Council conclusions

3. (poss.) Convergence reports by the Commission and the European Central Bank
   – Presentation

4. Taxes
   – Combating Tax Fraud
     = Adoption of Council conclusions

   – VAT Package
     = Progress report

   – Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base
     = Orientation debate

   – Code of Conduct on Business Taxation
     = Council conclusions

   – Energy taxation: Taxation of diesel fuel used for commercial purposes
     = Orientation debate

5. (poss.) Statistics

6. AOB

p.m. : Eurogroup (4.6.07)
1. (Possible) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
   - Adoption of the amended common position

2. (Possible) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Small Claims Procedure
   - Adoption

3. (Possible) 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"
   - Adoption of the common position

   - Political agreement

   - Adoption of the Common position

6. (Possible) European Contract Law and the revision of the acquis
   - Information from the Commission on Commission's Second Annual Progress Report
   - General debate on the procedure to find a common position of the council

7. (Possible) Framework Decision on the enforcement of prison sentences (European enforcement order)
   - Political Agreement

8. (Possible) Draft 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
   - Discussion on outstanding issues (COMIX)
   – Adoption

10. Follow-up to the informal Ministerial meeting from 14.1. to 16.1.2007 in Dresden

11. Council decision on Schengen information system II (SIS II)

12. (poss.) Proposal for a Council regulation establishing a Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument for major emergencies (renamed "Draft Council decision establishing a Civil protection financial instrument")
   – Political agreement

13. Transfer of the Prüm Convention
   – Aim of discussion: Determination of opinions following informal Ministerial meeting in Dresden

14. New schedule for implementing SIS II
   – For information and approval

15. Decision authorising conclusion of agreement with Russia
   – Adoption

Possible "A" items

• Report from the High Contracting Parties to the Agreement related to the application of the CIS Convention, exercising the functions attributed to the Committee provided for in Article 16 of the CIS Convention (period 1 September 2005 - 31 October 2006)
1. (Possible) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
   – Adoption of the amended common position

2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)
   – Debate on certain issues

   – Political agreement

4. Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decision and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations (Maintenance regulation)
   – Conclusions on certain issues

   – Debate on certain issues

   – Adoption

7. Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia
   – Political agreement (1st discussion)

8. (Framework Decision on Procedural Rights
   – Political agreement)

9. (Possible) Framework Decision on the enforcement of prison sentences (European enforcement order)
   – Political agreement

10. (Possible) Framework Decision on a supervision order
     – Discussion of parts of issues with the aim of deciding whether discussions should be continued and, if so, on the basis of which criteria
11. (Possible) Framework Decision on exclusion from certain professions
   – Discussion of parts of issues

12. Framework Decision on the exchange of information from criminal records
   – First discussion

13. Introduction of biometric features in residence permits

    establishing a mechanism for the creation of Rapid Border Intervention Teams and amending
    Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2004 as regards that mechanism and regulating the powers and
    tasks of guest officers (COMIX)
    – Discussion on outstanding issues / adoption

15. (Possible) Proposal for a Council decision establishing a Community civil protection
    mechanism (recast)
    – Political agreement

16. Future of Europol (political clarification of basic issues)
    – Basic decision regulating the funding and the personnel affairs of Europol in the
      framework of a future Council decision

17. Transfer of the Prüm Convention
    – Political agreement with the aim of adopting a Council decision

18. Migration provisions in agreements with third countries
    – Exchange of views

19. SIS I progress report
    – Information

20. Access by the security authorities to the VIS
    – Adoption

21. Council Conclusions setting the EU priorities for the fight against organised crime based on
    OCTA
    – Adoption

22. Decisions authorising the signature (and conclusion) of visa facilitation agreement with
    Ukraine
    – Adoption

    – Adoption
1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)
   – Debate on certain issues or general agreement

2. (possible) Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decision and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations. VO Unterhalt
   – Conclusions on certain issues

   – Debate on certain issues

   – Adoption of the Common position

5. (Possible) Signature of the Lugano Convention
   – Adoption

6. (Possible) Interim report on a possible horizontal instrument for defining listed offences
   – Receipt of interim report and general discussion

7. Framework Decision on supervision of probation
   – 1st discussion of parts of issues

8. Framework Decision on information from criminal records
   – Political agreement

9. (Possible) Framework Decision on Procedural Rights
   – Political agreement

10. (Possible) Framework Decision combating racism and xenophobia
    – Political agreement

11. Green Paper on the establishment of the second phase of the Common European Asylum System
    – Exchange of views
   – Political agreement on further parameters concerning the transfer of the Europol Convention to a Council decision

13. Conclusions on SECI
   – Adoption

14. Coherent approach to integration policy and inter-religious dialogue
   – Conclusions

15. Global Approach to Migration
   – Progress report and exchange of views
   – (Possible) Commission communication to the European Parliament and the Council on enhanced dialogue and concrete measures for applying the Global Approach to eastern and south eastern regions neighbouring the EU
     = Presentation by the Commission and exchange of views

16. (Possible) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the CCI on visas for diplomatic missions and consular posts in relation to the setting up of Common Application Centres and the introduction of biometrics (COMIX)
   – Adoption

   – Discussion on outstanding issues

18. Commission communications to the European Parliament and the Council on a European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP) and on critical infrastructures for energy and transport
   – Political agreement with the aim of adopting a Council resolution

   – Political agreement

20. SIS I and SIS II (progress report)
   – Information

21. Transfer of the Prüm Convention
   – Adoption of a Council decision

22. (Possible) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a mechanism for the creation of Rapid Border Intervention Teams and amending Council Regulation (EC) 2007/2004 as regards that mechanism and regulating the powers and tasks of guest officers (COMIX)
   – Discussion on outstanding issues / adoption

23. Decisions authorising the signature (and conclusion) of visa facilitation agreements (Bosnia, Albania, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Moldova)
   – Adoption
Possible "A" items

- Report to the Council on the updating and expansion of the manual on EU emergency and crisis coordination
  Endorsement

- Council conclusions on the decontamination of wounded persons in case of chemical disaster
  Adoption

- Council conclusions on the further improvement of the Community contribution to civil protection
  Adoption

- Council Resolution on the coordinated evaluation of terrorist sites on the Internet and forwarding of the results to Europol ("check the web")
  Council Resolution