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The 3051st session of the Council of the European Union - JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS - will take place on Thursday 2 December (10.00) and Friday 3 December (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the chair of **Mr Melchior WATHELET**, State Secretary in charge of Migration and Asylum Policy, **Mrs Annemie TURTELBOOM**, Minister for Home Affaires and **Mr Stefaan DE CLERCK**, Minister for Justice.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

Legislative deliberations

- Belgian Presidency programme on asylum and migration
 - Legal migration
 - Illegal migration
 - Asylum
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, repealing Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA
 - = Information on the progress of discussions with the European Parliament
- Proposal for a Directive on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, repealing Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA
 - *= General approach*
- Initiative by the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Estonia, the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Slovenia and the Kingdom of Sweden for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the European investigation order in criminal matters
 - = *Progress report*
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the right to information in criminal proceedings
 - = General approach
- Proposal for a Council Regulation implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation
 - = General approach

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Non-legislative activities

- Draft Council conclusions on the fight against crimes committed by mobile (itinerant) criminal groups
- Council conclusions on preventing and combating identity-related crimes and on identity management, including the establishment and development of permanent structured cooperation between the Member States of the European Union
- Draft European action plan to combat illegal trafficking in heavy firearms
- Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with a view to an agreement between the European Union and Australia for the transfer and use of passenger name records (PNR) to prevent and combat terrorism and other forms of serious cross-border crime
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- Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with a view to an agreement between the European Union and the United States of America for the transfer and use of passenger name records (PNR) to prevent and combat terrorism and other forms of serious cross-border crime
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: The EU internal security strategy in action: five steps towards a more secure Europe
 - *= Presentation by the Commission*
- Combating terrorism
 - = Follow-up to the ad hoc High-Level Group on cargo security/civil aviation
 - = Draft Council conclusions on information sharing on changes in the national threat level
 - = European counter-terrorism strategy: discussion paper and European action plan for combating terrorism
- External relations regarding freedom, security and justice
 - = Outcome of and follow-up to the ministerial meeting of the EU-Russia Permanent Partnership Council (Freedom, Security and Justice) (18 and 19 November 2010)
 - = Outcome of and follow-up to the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum (23 and 24 November 2010)
- Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on protection of personal data when transferred and processed for the purpose of preventing, investigating, detecting or prosecuting criminal offences, including terrorism, in the framework of police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A comprehensive approach on personal data protection in the European Union
 - *= Policy debate*
- E-justice
- Conclusions of the seminar on 14 October 2010 concerning international family mediation in cases of international child abduction
- Other business
 - Mediterranean Office for Youth
 - Greek national action plan on asylum and migration
 - Presidency conclusions following the Conference on 26 November 2010 concerning legal migration, entitled: What legal migration policy for the European Union?
- Communication from the Commission: "Towards a stronger European disaster response: the role of civil protection and humanitarian assistance"
- 2010 EU citizenship report: Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights

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In tandem with the Council meeting:

MIXED COMMITTEE (Thursday 2 December 2010 (10.00))

- Adoption of the agenda
- SIS II
 - = State of play
- Commission report on implementation of the Council conclusions on 29 measures for reinforcing the protection of external borders and combating illegal immigration

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<u>*Press conferences*</u>: on 2 December around 13.00 and at the end of the proceedings, as well as on 3 December around 13.00.

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