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The 2853rd session of the Council of the European Union - **JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS** - will take place on 28 February 2008 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Dragutin Mate**, Minister of the Interior and **Dr. Lovro Šturm**, Minister of Justice of Slovenia.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL

- Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police Office
 - Outstanding issues
- 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 on the protection of the environment through criminal law
Public deliberation
- Ratification of EU-US Agreements of 25 June 2003 on extradition and mutual legal assistance and of bilateral instruments
- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism

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In the margins of the Council:

11h30: Meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level

- SIS II
 - a) State of play
 - b) New timetable
- 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.

13h00: Signature of Protocols on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to Schengen and to Dublin, as well as on the special position of Denmark, by the Presidency, the Commission, the Principality of Liechtenstein, and the Swiss Confederation

15h00: Meeting of the EU/Switzerland/Liechtenstein Mixed Committee at Ministerial level

Decision of the EU/Switzerland Mixed Committee established by the Agreement concluded between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the latter's association in the implementation, application and development of the Schengen Acquis amending Decision N° 1/2004 of 26 October 2004 adopting its Rules of Procedure.

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*Press conferences: - on interior affairs after lunch (+/- 15.00)
- on justice affairs at the end of the Council (+/- 18.00)*

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