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In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 6, 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 2006.

In view of the decision by Coreper on 28 June 2006 (docs 10926/06 and 10927/06) to implement as from 1 July 2006 the new measures on transparency, the Presidency will issue as soon as possible a revised list of provisional Council agendas indicating the items on which the Presidency intends to hold a public debate or a public deliberation.

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

COUNCIL	DATE					
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>	17/18.07.06		14/15.09.06	16/17.10.06	13/14.11.06	11/12.12.06
<b>ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	11.07.06 14.07.06			10.10.06	07.11.06 21.11.06 28.11.06	
<b>JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS</b>	24.07.06			05/06.10.06		04/05.12.06

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 17/18 JULY 2006**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Presentation of the Presidency Priorities

**Session on External Relations**

1. (poss.) WTO/DDA
2. Sudan
3. Democratic Republic of Congo
4. Western Balkans
5. MEPP
6. Iran
7. (poss.) Iraq

**Likely to become "A" items**

- Preparations of the EU-South Korea Summit (to be held on 9 September 2006 In Helsinki)
- Preparations of the EU-China Summit (to be held on 9 September 2006 in Helsinki)
- Preparations of the ASEM Summit (to be held on 10/11 September in Helsinki)
- European Union Priorities for the 61st Session of the United Nations General Assembly
- EU statement for the UN high level dialogue on migration and Development.
- (poss.) Council conclusions on a Commission communication for a development strategy for the Pacific
- Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Kazakhstan Cooperation Council
- Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Kyrgyz Republic Cooperation Council

- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Russia PPC on Transport
- (poss.) Conclusions on DRC
- Council Decision amending Decision 1999/468/EC laying down procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission
- (poss.) Community instruments for external assistance, Council common position on development cooperation instrument(s)
- (poss.) Participation of Croatia in work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA): adoption of the negotiating directives

### **In the margins of the Council**

- Troika-meeting with Bosnia-Herzegovina
- EU-Kazakhstan Cooperation Council
- EU-Kyrgyz Republic Cooperation Council
- (poss.) EU-Ukraine Cooperation Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 14/15 SEPTEMBER 2006**

*P.M. Third Country meetings on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and the Council on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans
2. Africa (possible items)
  - Sudan/Darfur
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
  - EU Strategic Partnership with South Africa
  - Ivory Coast
3. (poss.) MEPP
4. (poss.) Iran
5. (poss.) Iraq
6. EU-Russia

**Likely to become "A" items**

- Preparations of the EU-India Summit (to be held on 13 October)
- (poss.) EU BAM Rafah
- Somalia: Council conclusions on the peace process
- Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Russia PPC on Justice and Home Affairs
- Preparations of the EU-Rio Group (GRIO) FM troika meeting in the margins of the UNGA
- Ethiopia/Eritrea; Council conclusions

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 16/17 OCTOBER 2006**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. (poss.) Enlargement

**Session on External Relations**

1. (poss.) Sudan
2. Western Balkans
3. (poss.) MEPP
4. (poss.) Iran
5. (poss.) Iraq
6. Preparations for the EU-Ukraine -Summit (to be held on 27 October in Helsinki)
7. (poss.) Relations with Uzbekistan
8. EU-Africa strategy
9. Development issues
  - Orientation Debate on Policy Coherence for Development and Effectiveness of EU external action
  - (poss.) New Financial Instruments for External Action

**Joint session of Trade and Development Ministers**

1. Aid for Trade; Council conclusions and discussion
2. (poss.) Development Dimension of the DDA
3. (poss.) EPA negotiations

### **Likely to become "A" items**

- EU Annual Report on Human Rights
- EUJUST LEX/Joint Action extension
- DRC/EU operation to support UN-MONUC (September/October)
- (poss.) Council conclusions on a Commission communication for an infrastructure partnership for Africa
- (poss.) Council conclusions on a Commission communication for a good governance initiative for Africa
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Russia PPC on Environment
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Russia Foreign Ministers' PPC
- (poss.) Adoption of position of the European Union for the EU-Russia PPC on Energy
- Annual report on EC development policy and implementation of external assistance 2005; Council conclusions; based on Commission communication in June
- (poss.) Adoption of the agenda for the EU-Tunisia Association Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the EU statement for the EU-Tunisia Association Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the ENP Action Plan for Armenia
- (poss.) Adoption of the ENP Action Plan for Azerbaijan
- (poss.) Adoption of the ENP Action Plan for Georgia

### **In the margins of the Council**

- Informal dinner of the ministers for the foreign trade 15 October
- Informal dinner of the ministers for development affairs 16 October
- EU-Turkey FM Troika
- EU-Tunisia Association Council (tbc)
- (poss.) Ad hoc EU-Armenia Cooperation Council (Adoption of the EU-Armenia ENP Action Plan)
- (poss.) Ad hoc EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council (Adoption of the EU-Azerbaijan ENP Action Plan)
- (poss.) Ad hoc EU-Georgia Cooperation Council (Adoption of the EU-Georgia ENP Action Plan)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 13/14 NOVEMBER 2006**

*Foreign Ministers and Defence Ministers*

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Preparation of the European Council on 14/15 December: annotated draft agenda
3. Enlargement
4. Global Approach to Migration

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans
2. (poss.) MEPP
3. (poss.) Iran
4. (poss.) Iraq
5. Relations with Russia
6. (poss.) Preparations of the EU-Canada Summit
7. ESDP
  - Military Capabilities
  - Operations
  - Civil-military Coordination CMCO
  - European Defence Agency

**Likely to become "A" items**

- Council conclusions on Commission's communication on external aspects of competitiveness
- Council conclusions on the Implementation of the Outcome of the UN World Summit
- EU Statement on World Aids Day 1.12.2006
- Africa Peace Facility: Financing in 2007 (9. EDF) and after 2007 (10. EDF)



- The agenda and annotated agenda for the EU-South Africa Cooperation Council in the fringes of the 13/14.11. GAERC
- Council conclusions on a strategic partnership with South Africa
- (poss.) Council conclusions on a strategic partnership with South Africa
- CHG 2008/Civilian Capabilities Improvement Conference/Ministerial Declaration
- CHG 2008/Civilian Capabilities Shortfalls Overview (November/December)
- CHG 2008/Civilian Capabilities Improvement Plan 2007-08 (November/December)
- (poss.) Civil-military Coordination
- Headline Goal 2010/Force Catalogue
- Single Progress Report
- ESDP conclusions
- European Defence Agency/ Council Guidelines for the Work Programme 2007
- European Defence Agency/3-year Financial Framework
- EUPM/Council decision implementing Joint Action - financing for 2007
- EUPOL COPPS/Council Decision implementing Joint Action - financing for 2007
- Adoption of the EU objectives for the EU-Russia Summit (to be held on 24 November in Helsinki)
- Adoption of the Northern Dimension framework document
- (poss.) Kazakhstan's candidacy for the Chairman in Office of the OSCE
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the Black Sea/Caspian Sea Energy ministerial meeting
- (poss.) Mid-term review of the ENP Action Plans
- (poss.) Council conclusions on China Communication
- (poss.) Adoption of the agenda for the EU-Jordan Association Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the EU statement for the EU-Jordan Association Council
- Preparations of the EU-Canada Summit (to be held on 27 November, tbc)
- (poss.) EU Common position/final document on Euromed Foreign ministers meeting
- (poss.) Great Lakes Summit: Council conclusions
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Armenia Cooperation Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the position of the European Union for the EU-Georgia Cooperation Council

### **In the margins of the Council**

- Lunch of the ministers for European affairs
- Civilian Capabilities Improvement Conference
- EDA Steering Board
- EU-Jordan Association Council
- Cooperation Council with South Africa including troika ministerial political dialogue
- EU-Armenia Cooperation Council
- EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council
- EU-Georgia Cooperation Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 11/12 DECEMBER 2006**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Resolutions, opinions and decisions adopted by the EP
2. Draft Operational Programme of the Council January 2007 - June 2008
3. Preparation of the European Council on 14-16 December: draft conclusions
4. External energy relations
5. (poss.) Progress report of JHA external activity
6. (poss.) Enlargement

**Session on External Relations**

1. (poss.) WTO/DDA
2. Western Balkans
3. Economic Partnership Agreements: Mid- term review
4. Improving the External Action of the EU
5. (poss.) MEPP
6. (poss.) Iran
7. (poss.) Iraq
8. (poss.) Debate on the strategy for Central Asia
9. (poss.) Debate and Council conclusions on ENP

### **Likely to become "A" items**

- EEA Council conclusions
- (poss.) Conclusion of SAA negotiations with Serbia
- Council conclusions on human rights and democratisation in third countries.
- Council Decision on a management regulation for the 10. EDF
- EUSEC RD Congo 6-monthly review
- ESDP Presidency Report
- ESDP Training Programme
- EUFOR Althea/6-monthly Review
- EUPM/6-monthly review
- CHG 2008/Civilian Capabilities Shortfalls Overview (November/December)
- CHG 2008/Civilian Capabilities Improvement Plan 2007-08 (November/December)
- Civil-military Coordination (November/December)
- (poss.) Format for EU report on policy coherence for development; Council conclusions; based on Commission proposal for format
- (poss.) Conclusions on co-financing and joint financing arrangements
- Endorsement of the recommendations of the conference on biodiversity and development
- Gender and Development; Council conclusions
- Culture and development; Council conclusions
- (poss.) Adoption of the agenda for the EU-Morocco Association Council
- (poss.) Adoption of the EU statement for the EU-Morocco Association Council
- Poss. Council conclusions on China Communication if not already in November

### **In the margins of the Council**

- EEA Council, 12 December
- EU-Morocco Association Council
- Stabilisation and Association Council with FYROM

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 11 JULY 2006**

**Presidency Work Programme**

= *Presentation*

**Debriefing of the Eurogroup** (*restricted session*)

(poss.) **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact** (*restricted session*)

**Adoption of the euro**

= *Council decisions*

**Public Finances in EMU 2006 – The first year of the revised SGP**

= *Exchange of views/ Council conclusions*

**EIB external lending mandates**

= *Presentation/ Orientation debate*

**Dialogues with third countries; economic and financial aspects**

– **EU-USA Summit:** *Follow-up*

– (poss.) **Dialogues with third countries;** economic, financial and regulatory aspects:  
*information by Commission/ Exchange of views*

**Funding of the International Accounting Standards Board**

= *Council conclusions*

**p.m. Eurogroup 10 July 2006**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (BUDGET)  
BRUSSELS – 14 JULY 2006**

**Preparation of the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament**

**Establishment by the Council of the Draft of the Budget of the European Union for 2007**

**AOB**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 10 OCTOBER 2006**

**Debriefing of the Eurogroup** (*restricted session*)

(poss.) **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact** (*restricted session*)

**Better Regulation: Administrative burden**

= *Exchange of views/ Council conclusions*

**The Quality of Public Finances**

= *Exchange of views /Council conclusions*

**EIB external lending mandates**

= *Conclusion on amounts and regional allocation*

**Financial services:**

**Clearing and settlement**

= *Exchange of views*

**Single Euro Payments Area – Next steps**

= *Exchange of views*

(poss.) **Own Resources**

= *Decision*

**p.m. Eurogroup 9 October 2006**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 7 NOVEMBER 2006**

**Debriefing of the Eurogroup** (*restricted session*)

(poss.) **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact** (*restricted session*)

**Sustainability of public finances: Sustainability Report**

= *Exchange of views*

**Statistics**

– **2006 Status Report**

= *Council conclusions*

– **Review of Priorities in Statistics**

= *Council conclusions*

**EIB**

– **EIB external lending mandates**

= *General approach on Council decision*

– **Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership**

= *Council conclusions*

**Taxation**

– **VAT Package**

= *Political agreement*

– **Combating Tax Fraud**

= *Council conclusions*

– **Excise Duties: Minimum rates on alcoholic beverages**

= *General approach*

(poss.) **Fight against fraud**

– **OLAF Regulations**

– **The 2005 report from the Commission on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests and the fight against fraud**

*Council conclusions*

## **Financial Management**

- **Presentation of the Court of Auditors annual report (2005)**

- **(poss.) Commission's Progress report on the integrated internal control framework and financial management**

**p.m. Eurogroup 6 November 2006**

**Ministerial Meeting with the EFTA Countries**

**(poss.) Meeting of the Ecofin-troika with representatives of the European Parliament**



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (BUDGET)  
BRUSSELS – 21 NOVEMBER 2006**

**Preparation of the conciliation meeting with the European Parliament**

**Letter of amendment to the preliminary draft budget for 2007**

**Draft EU Budget for 2007 as amended and accompanied by proposals for modifications by the European Parliament: second reading**

**AOB**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 28 NOVEMBER 2006**

**Debriefing of the Eurogroup** (*restricted session*)

(poss.) **Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact** (*restricted session*)

**European Council preparations**

– **The Lisbon Multilateral surveillance**

= *Council conclusions*

– (poss.) **Structural Indicators**

= *Council conclusions/Report*

– **Globalisation**

= *Council conclusions/Report*

**Taxation**

– (poss.) **Energy taxation: Specific derogations**

= *Council decision*

– (poss.) **Travellers' allowances directive**

= *Political agreement*

– **Code of Conduct on harmful tax competition: Report of the group**

– **Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base**

= *Progress report*

**Financial Services**

– **Directive on payment services in the internal market**

= *Political agreement/General approach*

– (poss.) **Amendment of the Banking Directive, Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and the Insurance Directives: Cross Border Consolidation**

= *Political agreement/General approach*

- (poss.) **Financial market integration and stability**
  - **Crisis management**
  - **Long-term supervisory issues**
  - **Deposit Guarantee Schemes**
- = *Council conclusions*

**p.m. Eurogroup: 27 November**  
**Macroeconomic dialogue**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 24 JULY 2006**

**Possible "B" items**

- Presidency priorities (**presentation**)
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Implementing The Hague Programme: the way forward (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Strengthening Freedom, Security and Justice in the European Union: report on the implementation of The Hague Programme for the year 2005 (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Evaluation of EU Policies on Freedom, Security and Justice (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Communication from the Commission on Policy Plan on Legal Migration (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Communication from the Commission on Common Policy on Illegal Immigration (**presentation by the Commission**)
- EU statement for the UN High-level dialogue on International Migration and Development (**information item**)
- Situation in the Mediterranean Region/Africa especially with regard to illegal immigration, update on Frontex operations (orientation debate, presentations by the Commission and Frontex)

**Possible "A" items**

- Appointment of the new Deputy Director of Europol
- Council Framework Decision on the fight against organised crime (**adoption**)
- Conclusion by the Community of the Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women And Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime (**adoption**)

- (poss.) Proposal of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on local border traffic at external borders of the Member States and amending the Schengen Convention (**adoption**)

### **In the margins of the Council**

#### **Mixed Committee**

- (poss.) Council decision concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by the authorities of Member States responsible for internal security and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council in view of setting up the powers and the financing of teams of national experts of Member States to provide technical and operational assistance to Member States in the activities dealing with the control and surveillance of the external borders in the framework of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Community Code on Visas Code (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)
- Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBURG – 5/6 OCTOBER 2006<sup>1</sup>**

**Possible "B" items**

- Mid-term review of the Hague programme
- Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union (**political agreement on certain questions**)
- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on certain procedural rights in criminal proceedings throughout the European Union (**political agreement on certain questions**)
- (poss.) Directive on criminal measures aimed at ensuring the enforcement of intellectual property rights; Proposal for a council framework decision to strengthen the criminal law framework to combat intellectual property offences (**discussion on specific questions**)
- Draft Framework Decision on taking account of convictions in the Member States of the European Union in the course of new criminal proceedings. (**political agreement**)
- (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters (**general agreement**)
- Principle of availability (**political agreement on certain questions**)
- Future of Europol (**political orientation on certain questions**)
- (poss.) Council decision concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by the authorities of Member States responsible for internal security and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences (**adoption**)
- (poss.) Missing persons and unidentified bodies (**adoption of a Council instrument**)
- Proposal for a Council Decision on improving the Community Mechanism for civil protection (**adoption**)

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<sup>1</sup> Political agreement in codecision does not preclude presidency aim to reach an agreement with the European Parliament in the first reading.

- Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Rapid Response and Preparedness Instrument for major emergencies **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows' **(political agreement)**
- (poss.) Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Return Fund for the period of 2007-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows' **(political agreement)**
- (poss.) Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period of 2007-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows' **(general approach)**
- (poss.) Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2008-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows' **(political agreement)**
- (poss.) Directive on long term resident status for beneficiaries of international protection **(presentation by the Commission)**
- Integrated border management strategy **(conclusions)**

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

- C.SIS financial matters
- Third round of mutual evaluations "Exchange of information and intelligence between Europol and the Member States and between the Member States respectively" - Report on Slovenia **(adoption)**
- Council Decision on the setting up of a European Anti-Corruption Network **(adoption)**
- Conclusion by the Community of the UN Convention against Corruption **(adoption)**
- Europol's external relations strategy
- CEPOL Work Programme 2007 **(adoption)**
- Council Resolution amending the handbook on cooperation at football matches **(adoption)**
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations, Rome II **(common position)**

- 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" (**political agreement / adoption**)
- Council Decision establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship" as part of the general programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice" (**political agreement / adoption**)
- (poss.) 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" (**political agreement / adoption**)
- Council Decision establishing the specific programme Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism for the Period 2007-2013 (**adoption**)
- Council Decision establishing the specific Programme "Prevention of and Fight against Crime" for the Period 2007-2013 (**adoption**)
- Council Decision establishing for the period 2007-2013 the specific programme on Criminal justice as part of the General programme on Fundamental Rights and Justice (**adoption**)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1348/2000 of 29 May 2000 on the service of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters (**political agreement / adoption**)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European small claims procedure (**political agreement**)
- Council regulation establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Council decision empowering the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights to pursue its activities in areas referred to in Title VI of the Treaty on European Union (**political agreement / adoption**)
- Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (**adoption**)
- Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate a readmission agreement between the European Community and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (**adoption**)
- Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate an agreement on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas between the European Community, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia- Herzegovina and Albania (**adoption**)



- Draft Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate readmission agreements between the European Community and the following countries: Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina (**adoption**)
- Visa waiver reciprocity mechanism - second report (**conclusions**)
- Development of the local consular cooperation on visas (**conclusions**)
- Draft Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Community, of an Arrangement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of those states' participation in the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (**adoption**)
- Draft Council conclusions on the consequences of the implementation of the VIS on border control (**adoption**)
- Cohesion policy in support of growth and jobs: Community Strategic Guidelines 2007-2013) (**adoption**)

### **In the margins of the Council**

#### **Mixed Committee**

- Council Framework Decision on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- SIS II
- (poss.) Council decision concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by the authorities of Member States responsible for internal security and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences
- (poss.) 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
- (poss.) Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2008-2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and the Management of Migration Flows'
- (poss.) Update of the Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

- (poss.) Proposal for a 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
- Modified proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals
- Integrated border management strategy
- Council Framework Decision on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 4/5 DECEMBER 2006<sup>1</sup>**

**Possible "B" items**

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters (**political agreement**)
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations, Rome I (**debate on certain issues**)
- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Regulation on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations (**debate on certain issues**)
- Draft Framework Decision on taking account of convictions in the Member States of the European Union in the course of new criminal proceedings. (**political agreement**)
- Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union (**political agreement**)
- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on certain procedural rights in criminal proceedings throughout the European Union (**political agreement**)
- Future of Europol (**political agreement on certain questions**)
- Counter-terrorism:
  - Update of progress on the implementation of the EU Strategy on Radicalisation and Recruitment (**adoption**)
  - Report on the implementation of the EU-Counter-terrorism Action Plan/Strategy (**adoption**)
- (poss.) Manual on tracing crime-related firearms (**adoption of a Council instrument**)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (**adoption**)
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (**adoption**)

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- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates (**adoption**)
- (poss.) European Programme for the protection of critical infrastructure (**adoption**)
- EU anti-trafficking policy and the need for further action (**political debate**)
- (poss.) Council Decision on the establishment of European Migration Network (**political agreement**)
- Council Decision on the establishment of a network of national contact points involving the national asylum services of the Member States for promoting cooperation (**adoption / political agreement**)
- (poss.) Report of the Commission on application of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national and possible proposals for amendments (**presentation by the Commission**)
- Communication on common policy on illegal immigration (**conclusions**)
- (poss.) Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (**political agreement / progress report**)
- Progress report of the Schengen evaluation of the new Member States (**conclusions**)
- (poss.) Development of the EU-China approved destination status (ADS) agreement (**political agreement**)
- (poss.) Commission Report on the implementation of the follow-up of Hampton Court / Global Approach to Migration (**information by the Commission**)

#### External relations:

- Action oriented paper on implementing with Russia the Common Space of Freedom, security and justice (**adoption**)
- Action oriented paper on strengthening counter-terrorism co-operation with North Africa (**adoption**)
- Progress report of JHA external activity (**conclusions**)
- Ministerial meetings (EU-US JLS Ministerial Troika, PPC Russia, Western Balkans) (**information item**)

## Possible "A" items

- Conclusions of the meeting of the European Network for the protection of public figures
- Third round of mutual evaluations "Exchange of information and intelligence between Europol and the Member States and between the Member States respectively" - Report on Poland **(adoption)**
- Third round of mutual evaluations "Exchange of information and intelligence between Europol and the Member States and between the Member States respectively" - Report on Estonia **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Signature by the Community of the Lugano Convention **(adoption)**
- Conclusion of Schengen Agreements with Switzerland **(adoption)** and Liechtenstein **(signature and possible adoption)**
- Council Decision amending the Europol Staff Regulations **(adoption)**
- Council Decision adjusting the basic salaries of Europol Staff **(adoption)**
- Council Decision amending the Council Decision of 25 April 2002 concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European small claims procedure **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of issuance of short-stay visas **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on readmission **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Draft Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and Ukraine **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Draft Council decision concerning the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on readmission **(adoption)**
- (poss.) Draft Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the facilitation of the issuance of short-stay visas to the citizens of the European Union and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia **(adoption)**

- (poss.) Draft Council Decision concerning the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on readmission (**adoption**)
- Frontex Work programme 2007
- Progress review by the Commission on the implementation of the EU Drugs Action Plan (2005-2008)

### **In the margins of the Council**

#### **Mixed committee**

- (poss.) Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals
- Progress report of the Schengen evaluation of the new Member States
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council in view of setting up the powers and the financing of teams of national experts of Member States to provide technical and operational assistance to Member States in the activities dealing with the control and surveillance of the external borders in the framework of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union
- (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation for a Community Code on visas
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates
- SIS II (state of play)
- Council Framework Decision on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters