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In accordance with Article 2(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, the Presidency encloses herewith, for information, the indicative provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) for the period up to 30 June 2005.

Luxembourg Presidency
Draft work programme for Council meetings
prepared by Coreper (Part 2)

COUNCIL	DATE					
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS	31.1.-1.2.2005	21.2.2005	16-17.3.2005	25-26.4.2005	23-24.5.2005	13-14.6.2005
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	18.1.2005	17.2.2005	8.3.2005	12.4.2005		7.6.2005
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS		24.2.2005		14.4.2005		2-3.6.2005

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 31 JANUARY AND 1 FEBRUARY 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-sessions held in Strasbourg from 13 to 16 December 2004 and *in Brussels on 21 December 2004* and from 10 to 13 January 2005
2. Financial framework 2007 - 2013

Public debate:

3. Council's annual operating programme/Commission's annual work programme

Session on External Relations

1. Middle East
2. Iraq
3. (poss.) Iran
4. Africa
5. Western Balkans
6. (poss.) European Neighbourhood Policy
– Ukraine
7. (poss.) Transatlantic relations

Side meetings:

31 January 2005

- EU-Tunisia Association Council

1 February 2005

- EU-Uzbekistan Cooperation Council
- EU-Serbia and Montenegro ministerial troika
- (poss.) EU-Albania ministerial troika

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 21 FEBRUARY 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-session held in Brussels on 26 and 27 January 2005
2. Financial framework 2007 - 2013
3. Lisbon Process
4. Preparation for the European Council (Brussels, 22 and 23 March 2005)

Session on External Relations

1. Middle East
2. Iraq
3. Western Balkans
4. (poss.) European Neighbourhood Policy
– Moldova
5. Africa
6. Revision of the Cotonou Agreement
7. Transatlantic relations
8. Asia
- EU-ASEAN ministerial preparation (probably as an "A" item)

Side meetings:

- (poss.) EU-Moldova Cooperation Council
- (poss.) EU-Ukraine Cooperation Council

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 16 AND 17 MARCH 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-sessions held in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 February and from 7 to 10 March 2005
2. Financial framework 2007 - 2013
3. (poss.) Enlargement
- Croatia
4. Preparation for the European Council (Brussels, 22 and 23 March 2005)

Session on External Relations

1. Middle East
2. Human rights
3. Russia
4. EU-GCC ministerial preparation (probably as an "A" item)
5. Iraq
6. Generalised System of Preferences
7. European Neighbourhood Policy

Side meetings:

16 March 2005

- (poss.) Quadripartite with the Council of Europe

17 March 2005

- (poss.) EU-Russia Permanent Partnership Council

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 25 AND 26 APRIL 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-session held in Strasbourg from 11 to 14 April 2005
2. (poss.) Enlargement
- Croatia
3. Financial framework 2007 - 2013

Session on External Relations

1. Middle East
2. Western Balkans
3. Russia
4. (poss.) European Neighbourhood Policy
- Caucasus
5. Non-proliferation
6. Africa
7. Development

Side meetings:

25 April 2005

- (poss.) EU-Algeria Association Council (tbd)

26 April 2005

- (poss.) EU-Croatia ministerial troika (or Accession Conference)
- (poss.) EU-Turkey Association Council

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 23 AND 24 MAY 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-sessions held in Brussels on 27 and 28 April and in Strasbourg from 9 to 12 May 2005
2. (poss.) European External Action Service
3. Preparation for the European Council (Brussels, 16 and 17 June 2005)
4. Financial framework 2007 - 2013

Session on External Relations

1. ESDP items
2. Western Balkans
3. Barcelona Process
4. Middle East
5. (poss.) Terrorism
6. (poss.) Afghanistan
7. Latin America
 - EU-Latin America ministerial preparation (probably as an "A" item)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 13 AND 14 JUNE 2005**

Session on General Affairs

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament at its part-sessions held in Brussels on 25 and 26 May 2005 and in Strasbourg from 6 to 10 June 2005
2. Terrorism
3. Preparation for the European Council (Brussels, 16 and 17 June 2005)

Session on External Relations

1. ESDP items
2. Western Balkans
3. Strategic partnership for the Mediterranean and the Middle East
4. Middle East
5. Iran
6. Iraq
7. Transatlantic relations
8. UN
 - Major Event

Side meetings:

13 June 2005

- (poss.) EU-Ukraine Cooperation Council
- (poss.) EU-Moldova Cooperation Council

14 June 2005

- (poss.) EU-EEA Council
- (poss.) EU-Egypt Association Council
- (poss.) EU-Lebanon Association Council
- (poss.) EU-Romania Association Council

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 18 JANUARY 2005**

1. Presidency and Commission work programmes
= *Presentation*

2. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - Statistics
= *Commission communication: policy debate*

 - Implementation of ongoing excessive deficit procedures

 - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
= *Council opinion on ... [first series of countries]*

3. Examination of the Stability and Growth Pact
= *Follow-up to discussions on 16 November 2004*

4. Preparation for the European Council (22 and 23 March 2005)
 - Annual EPC report on structural reforms

NB: - Eurogroup on 17 January 2005 at 19.00

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 17 FEBRUARY 2005**

1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
= *Council opinion on ... [second series of countries]*

2. Preparation for the European Council (22 and 23 March 2005)
 - Commission report on the Lisbon Strategy (Spring report)

 - Updating the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
 - Commission report on implementation of the BEPG
= *Council conclusions*

 - Key issues to be addressed ("Key Issues Paper")
= *Policy debate*

 - (poss.) Examination of the Stability and Growth Pact
= *Policy debate*

3. Multiannual financial framework
= *Exchange of views*

NB: - Eurogroup on 16 February 2005 at 19.00

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 8 MARCH 2005**

1. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
 - *Council opinion on... [third series of countries]*
2. Preparation for the European Council (22-23 March)
 - 2005 Broad Economic Policy Guidelines update
 - Key Issues Paper
 - = *Adoption*
 - (poss.) Report on the examination of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - = *Adoption*
 - Implementation of European Action for Growth
 - (poss.) Commission report
 - National contributions
 - Guarantee Instrument for TEN-T projects
3. Simpler legislation
 - = *Commission report*
4. (poss.) World trade imbalances and the potential migration of manufacturing industry
 - = *EPC report*
5. (poss.) Joint Council/Commission report on social protection and social inclusion
 - = *Adoption*
6. (poss.) Multiannual financial framework
 - = *Exchange of views*
7. Taxation
 - (poss.) Proposal for a Directive on vehicle excise duty
 - = *Commission presentation*
 - (poss.) Communication on the use of economic instruments in environmental policy
 - = *Commission presentation*

10. General budget of the European Union

- Discharge procedure in respect of the implementation of the 2003 budget
 - = *Council recommendation*
- Council priorities for the 2006 budget
 - = *Council conclusions*

- NB: – 7 March 2005: Macroeconomic dialogue at political level (before the Eurogroup meeting)
- 7 March 2005, at 19.00: Eurogroup
 - 8 March 2005: Troika meeting with the European Parliament (after the Council meeting)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 12 APRIL 2005**

1. 2005 Broad Economic Policy Guidelines update
 - *Commission recommendation: presentation*
2. (poss.) Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
 - Main results of March 2005 fiscal notifications
3. (poss.) Taxation
 - Savings tax
 - = *State of play*
 - (poss.) Report on excise duty on alcoholic beverages
 - = *Exchange of views*
4. Financial services
 - Proposal for a Regulation on transfers
 - = *General approach*
5. (poss.) Preliminary draft budget of the European Union for 2006
 - = *Commission presentation*
6. (poss.) Multiannual financial framework
 - = *Exchange of views*
7. (poss.) Economic impact of ageing populations
 - = *Prepared by the EPC*

NB: – Eurogroup, 11 April 2005, at 19.00

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 7 JUNE 2005**

1. Preparation for the European Council (16-17 June)
 - 2005 Broad Economic Policy Guidelines update: Council report to the European Council
= *Adoption*
 2. (poss.) Statistics – EMU information requirements
 - Follow-up to the Council conclusions of June 2004 (and January 2005)
 3. Taxation
 - Code of Conduct
= *High-Level Group report*
 - (poss.) Interest and royalties: proposal for a Directive
= *Political agreement*
 4. Financial services
 - (poss.) Capital requirements for banks and investment firms: proposal for a Directive
= *Political agreement*
 - Reinsurance: proposal for a Directive
= *Political agreement*
 - (poss.) Proposal for a Directive on money laundering and terrorist financing
= *Political agreement*
 - (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation on transfers
= *Political agreement*
 - Eighth Company Law Directive
= *Political agreement*
 - Fourth and Seventh Company Law Directives
= *General approach*
 - (poss.) Financial services – towards a strategy for the future
= *Policy debate*
 5. (poss.) Interest and royalties: proposal for a Directive
= *Political agreement*
 6. (poss.) Multiannual financial framework
= *Exchange of views*
- NB: – Eurogroup, 6 June 2005, at 19.00
– EIB Board of Governors

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
BRUSSELS – 24 FEBRUARY 2005**

1. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure – policy debate
2. Draft Framework Decision on certain procedural rights in criminal proceedings (specific issues)
3. Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters (specific issues)
4. Appointment of the Director of Europol (depending on the procedure)
5. Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the European Police College (CEPOL) as a body of the European Union
6. Green Paper on an EU approach to managing economic migration – Commission presentation

Side meetings: Mixed Committee at Ministerial Level (15.00)

- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas – policy guideline
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals – policy guideline
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as regards the reciprocity mechanism – policy debate
- Draft Regulation establishing a Community code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders – policy debate
- Visa Information System (VIS) – Commission presentation

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
LUXEMBOURG – 14 APRIL 2005**

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure
 - Policy debate
2. Small claims litigation – Commission presentation
3. Framework Decision on the retention of processed data (specific issues)
4. Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify in the interests of the Community the Seafarers' Identity Documents Convention of the International Labour Organisation (Convention 185) (poss. "A" item)
5. (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the entry and residence of third-country nationals for economic reasons (follow-up to Commission Green Paper)
6. (poss.) Draft Council conclusions on the evaluation of third countries in the fight against illegal immigration (follow-up to the 2004 Commission report) (information from the Presidency – adoption by the GAERC)
7. Proposal for a Directive on minimum standards for return policy (Commission presentation)
8. Proposal for a Directive on the acquisition by refugees of the status of long-term residents who are third-country nationals (Commission presentation)

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
LUXEMBOURG – 2 AND 3 JUNE 2005**

1. Action plan to implement the Hague programme
2. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council creating a European order for payment procedure – (poss.) position commune
3. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations ("Rome II")
4. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters – policy debate
5. Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant
6. Framework Decision on certain procedural rights in criminal proceedings
7. Framework Decision on the exchange of information extracted from the criminal record
8. Framework Decision on participation in a criminal organisation
9. Framework Decision on the European arrest warrant and the transfer of sentenced persons (specific points)
10. Framework Decision on the retention of processed data (general approach)
11. (poss.) Draft Framework Decision on data protection (specific points)
12. (poss.) Proposals for regulations on the establishment of a regime of local border traffic at the external land borders of the Member States and at the temporary external land borders between Member States
13. (poss.) Proposal for an action plan concerning one or more regional pilot protection programmes based on the principles of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility (Commission presentation)
14. (poss.) Proposal for a refugee resettlement programme with the voluntary participation of the Member States (Commission presentation)

15. Draft Council conclusions on the entry and residence of third-country nationals for economic reasons (follow-up to Commission Green Paper)
16. Draft Council conclusions on the evaluation of third countries in the fight against illegal immigration (follow-up to the 2004 Commission report) (information from the Presidency – adoption by the GAERC)
17. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation on Community statistics on migration and asylum – common position

Side meetings: Mixed Committee at Ministerial Level (2 June, 15.00)

- Draft Council Regulation establishing a Community code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders – common position
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as regards the reciprocity mechanism
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas
- Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals
- (poss.) Proposal on the transit of holders of Schengen residence permits and visas through the new Member States
- (poss.) Proposal on the transit of holders of Swiss residence permits through the Member States
- Framework Decision on the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities as regards serious offences, including terrorist acts
- Application of the Schengen acquis in the United Kingdom, data protection and loading of real-time data into the SIS
- Conclusions of the evaluation of Italy and the follow-up concerning Spain
- Report by the Working Party on Schengen Evaluation to the Council on measures which may be included in an evaluation of the new Member States from 2006
- Conclusion of the evaluation of Greece and the follow-up concerning Portugal
- Schengen evaluation of Ireland