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**PROVISIONAL AGENDAS  
FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS  
PREPARED BY COREPER (PART 2)  
DURING THE GREEK PRESIDENCY  
(First half of 2003)**

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

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE</b>					
	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<b>GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>	27/28.01.03	24/25.02.03	18/19.03.03	14/15.04.03	19/20.05.03	17/18.06.03 24.06.03
<b>ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	21.01.03	18.02.03	07.03.03		13.05.03	03.06.03
<b>JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS</b>		27/28.02.03			08.05.03	05/06.06.03

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 27/28 JANUARY 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Study of Union priorities in the area of conflict prevention
2. Western Balkans
3. Middle East
4. ESDP
5. EU-Africa Relations
6. Zimbabwe
8. North Korea (poss.)
9. Afghanistan (poss.)

**Possible “A” points**

- Relations with Russia  
= Presidency work plan on the implementation of the Common Strategy
- Relations with Ukraine  
= Presidency work plan on the implementation of the Common Strategy
- Relations with the Mediterranean region  
= Presidency priorities on the implementation of the Common Strategy
- Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the EU and the Russian Federation on the participation of the Russian Federation to the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Relations with Uzbekistan  
= adoption of the EU position of the 4<sup>th</sup> Co-operation Council EU-Uzbekistan (27.1.2003)
- Pakistan: Conclusion of the EC-Pakistan Co-operation Agreement

- EU-Somalia: Review of Council Regulation
- EU-Angola: Review of Council Regulation
- EU-Indonesia: Council conclusions
- Kimberley Process Certification Scheme: Council Decision
- Fight against rural poverty
- EIB: Council Decision on the coverage of costs incurred by the EIB for the management of the Investment Facility Fund of the Cotonou Agreement
- EU-Haiti: Decision on the Article 96 procedure of the Cotonou Agreement

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> Co-operation Council EU-Uzbekistan (27.1.2003)
- EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (27-28.1.2003)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 27/28 JANUARY 2003**

Operational Programme of the Council for 2003: open debate

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in other Council configurations
3. Follow-up to the European Council in Copenhagen
4. Enlargement
  - = Presidency work programme
  - = consolidation of the Accession Treaty (poss.)
5. Spring European Council: Commission's Synthesis Report

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 24/25 FEBRUARY 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Orientation debate on the effectiveness of the Union's external actions
2. Preliminary discussion on Wider Europe (poss.)
3. Western Balkans
4. Middle East
5. ESDP
6. EU-Africa relations: Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Europe-Africa Summit (5.4.2003)
7. EU-Russia relations
8. EU-Switzerland relations (poss.)

**Possible "A" points**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-Morocco Association Council  
= Adoption of the EU position
- 13<sup>th</sup> EU-GCC Joint Council and Ministerial Meeting, Doha, 3.3.2003  
= Adoption of EU position
- East Timor: application for accession to the Cotonou Agreement
- Progress Report on the implementation of Country Strategy Papers: Council conclusions
- Council Regulation on double checking system of exports of certain steel products from Russian Federation and Kazakhstan

**In the margins of the Council**

- FYROM (political dialogue)
- Croatia (political dialogue)
- Association Council with Morocco

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 24/25 FEBRUARY 2003**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in the Convention
3. Progress of work in other Council configurations
4. Preparation of the European Council in Brussels  
= annotated draft agenda of the European Council
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report on Economic and Social Cohesion



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 18/19 MARCH 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans
2. Middle East
3. ESDP
4. Human Rights
6. EU-Africa Relations: Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Europe-Africa Summit (5.4.2003)
7. US/FSC: Council Regulation establishing additional customs duties on certain products originating in the US (poss.)

**Possible “A” points**

- EU-Mexico: adoption of the EU position for the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU-Mexico Joint Council
- EU-Chile: adoption of the EU position for the 1<sup>st</sup> EU-Chile Association Council
- Negotiating directives for new political dialogue and co-operation agreements with Central America and the Andean Community
- EU-Ukraine: adoption of the EU position for the 6<sup>th</sup> Co-operation Council EU-Ukraine
- EU-Moldova: adoption of the EU position for the 5<sup>th</sup> Co-operation Council EU-Moldova
- Annual Report from the Council to the EP on the main aspects and basic choices of CFSP
- EU Satellite Centre: Annual Report
- Institute for Security Studies: Annual Report
- EU Exercise Programme
- International Agreement on Steel: Negotiating Mandate

- Regulation on aid for poverty diseases
- Regulation on aid and policies on reproductive health
- Regulation and Statute of the CDE
- Regulation and Statute of the CTA
- EU-Liberia: Decision on the Article 96 procedure of the Cotonou Agreement
- Tropical Timber: Council Decision authorising the Commission to enter into negotiations for the conclusion of a new International Agreement on Tropical Timber
- EDF: Council Decision for 2<sup>nd</sup> call for contribution by member states
- 9<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund: Financial Regulation

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

- Cooperation Council with Ukraine
- Cooperation Council with Moldova
- Palestinian Authority (political dialogue)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 18/19 MARCH 2003**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in the Convention
3. Progress of work in other Council configurations
4. Annual Policy Strategy 2004: presentation by the Commission
5. Preparation of the Spring European Council
  - = annotated draft agenda of the European Council
  - = Follow-up of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development
6. Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Regulation
7. Reform of the Staff Regulations

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 14/15 APRIL 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans
2. Middle East
3. ESDP
4. Wider Europe/New Neighbours
5. Cuba: possible accession to the Cotonou Agreement
6. EU-US Steel: Follow-up to the WTO/DSU ruling
7. General System of Preferences (poss.)
  - = Graduation Council Regulation
  - = Council Regulation on Financial Clause for countries in economic crisis

**Possible “A” points**

- Enlargement / Signature of the Accession treaty: Council Decision
- Adjustments of the Financial Perspectives to cater for enlargement
- EU-Turkey: adoption of the EU position for the 42nd EU-Turkey Association Council
- EU-Russia: adoption of the EU position for the 6<sup>th</sup> EU-Russia Co-operation Council
- EEA Council: adoption of EU position
- Council Decision for the signature of the EEA enlargement Treaty
- Burma/Myanmar: review of Common Position
- Liberia: review of Common Position and Council regulation
- EU-ACP: preparation of the EU-ACP Council of Ministers (16.5.2003)

- Preparation of the Ministerial meeting on EPAs negotiations
- Joint Action on EU assistance to support the Palestinian Authority to counter terrorist activities
- IIA on access by the European Parliament to sensitive information in Justice and Home Affairs
- Council Regulation to avoid trade diversion into the EU of certain key medicines

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

- Association Council with Turkey
- Cooperation Council with Russia
- EEA Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 14/15 APRIL 2003**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in other Council configurations
3. Enlargement

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 19/20 MAY 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans  
= 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual SAP Review
2. Middle East
3. ESDP  
= ECAP Report  
= HFC 2003  
= HPC 2003
4. Russia: accession to WTO
5. Untying of aid
6. Migration and development
7. Follow-up to International Conferences: Monterrey
8. Programme of Action 2003 on EC Development Policy

**Possible “A” points**

- Barcelona Process: preparation of the Euro-Mediterranean mid-term Ministerial Conference, Athens, 26-27.5.2003
- EU-Russia: preparation of the EU-Russia Summit, St Petersburg 30-31.5.2003
- EU-Japan: preparation of the EU-Japan Summit
- EU-Canada: preparation of the EU-Canada Summit, Athens 28.5.2003
- EU Special Representatives: review of Common Positions
- Association Council with Romania: adoption of EU position

- Annual Review of Common Position on Nigeria
- Participation of non-state actors in development policy: Council conclusions

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

- Association Council with Romania
- EU + non-EU European NATO members and other countries candidates for accession, EU + non-EU European NATO members
- Ministerial Capabilities Commitment Conference



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 19/20 MAY 2003**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in other Council configurations
3. Progress of work in the Convention
4. Preparation of the European Council in Thessaloniki  
= annotated draft agenda of the European Council
5. Reform of the Staff Regulations

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 17/18 JUNE 2003**

**Session on External Relations**

1. Western Balkans  
= preparation of the EU-W. Balkans Summit, Thessaloniki, 21.6.2003
2. Middle East
3. ESDP
4. Relations with Russia: adoption of a Council report to the European Council on the implementation of the Common Strategy of the European Union

**Possible “A” points**

- Commission Communication on EU-UN Relations: Council conclusions
- Presidency Synthesis Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Progress Report on Economic and Social Cohesion
- EU-USA: preparation of the EU-US Summit
- Review of Common Position on Human Rights in Africa
- Review of Common Position on Angola
- Review of Common Position on Cuba
- Review of Common Position on the International Criminal Court
- Northern Dimension: Adoption of Action Plan 2004-2006
- Renewal of Joint Action establishing a European Union Co-operation Programme for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the Russian Federation
- Mid-term review of the fourth fisheries protocol EU-Greenland
- EU-Fidji: Decision on the Article 96 procedure of the Cotonou Agreement

- EU-Togo: Decision on the Article 96 procedure of the Cotonou Agreement
- EU-Turkey: Council Decision for an agreement on Services and Public Procurement
- Council Decision on the extension of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives
- EDF: Council Decision for 3<sup>rd</sup> call for contribution by member states
- Council Decision amending the Statute of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance
- Council Decision updating the Council Decision amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance

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

- Ministerial Meeting with Egypt
- Algeria (political dialogue)
- Accession Conferences at Ministerial Level with Bulgaria and Romania

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 17/18 JUNE 2003**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. European Parliament Resolutions, Decisions and Opinions
2. Progress of work in other Council configurations
3. Preparation of the Thessaloniki European Council  
= annotated draft agenda of the European Council
4. Enlargement
5. Statute of members of the European Parliament
6. Statute and financing of European political parties
7. Reform of the Staff Regulations

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 24 JUNE 2003**

**Note:** This meeting of the General Affairs/External Relations Council would only be called if it was necessary to close a file urgently or give immediate follow-up to a decision of the Thessaloniki European Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS - 21 JANUARY 2003**

1. Presidency and Commission work programmes: presentation
  
2. Tax issues
  - a. Tax package
    - Taxation of savings
    - Code of conduct on business taxation
    - Interest/Royalties
  - b. Energy taxation
  - c. VAT
    - Administrative co-operation in the field of VAT
  
3. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
  - Implementation of the excessive deficit procedure for Germany
    - = *Council Decision and Recommendation*
  - Early warning procedure for France
    - = *Council Recommendation*

p.m. Eurogroup 20 January 2003

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS - 18 FEBRUARY 2003**

1. Preparation of the Brussels European Council (21 and 22 March 2003)
  - Commission Implementation package and Spring report
  
  - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines (BEPGs): Key Issues Paper and Report on Implementation
    - = *Commission Communication and first exchange of views*
  
  - Comprehensive report on Eurozone statistics and indicators
    - = *Adoption of joint Council/Commission report*
  
  - Report on pension reforms (EPC and SPC)
    - = *Adoption*
  
  - EPC Report on Health Care
    - = *Adoption*
  
  - Economic co-ordination
    - = *Commission Communication on strengthening economic policy coordination*
  
2. Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programs
  
3. Statistics
  - Improving the quality of budgetary statistics
    - = *Commission Communication/Adoption of code of conduct*
  
  - Fifth progress report on information requirements in EMU
    - = *Council Conclusions*

p.m. Eurogroup 17 February 2003

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 7 MARCH 2003**

1. Preparation of the Brussels European Council (21 and 22 March 2003)
  - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines (BEPGs): Key issues paper and Report on Implementation  
= *Adoption*
  - Strengthening Economic Policy Coordination  
= *Commission Communication*
  - Report on the follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development  
= *Adoption*
  
2. Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
  
3. Community budget
  - Discharge procedure in respect of the implementation of the 2001 budget:  
= *Council Recommendation*
  - Council priorities for the 2004 budget  
= *Council conclusions*
  
4. Financial Services
  - Pension funds directive (poss.)  
= *Adoption*
  - Regular reporting Directive  
= *Presentation by the Commission*
  
5. Taxation-VAT
  - Special scheme for travel agencies  
= *Orientation debate*

p.m. Eurogroup 6 March 2003



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 13 MAY 2003**

1. Follow-up to the conclusions of the Brussels European Council
  2. Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
    - Commission Recommendation/ Orientation Debate
  3. Public finance in EMU 2003
    - Presentation by the Commission
  4. Taxation - VAT
    - Special scheme for travel agencies
      - = *Political agreement*
    - Right to deduct and cross-border refund
      - = *Progress report* (possibly A-item)
    - Revision of the rules for the place of supply of services
      - = *Progress report* (possibly A-item)
  5. Financial services
    - Integration and efficiency indicators
      - = *Orientation debate*
    - Corporate Governance
      - = *Orientation debate*
  6. Preliminary draft Community budget for 2004  
(Italian Presidency)
- p.m. Eurogroup 12 May 2003  
Troika + European Parliament  
Macroeconomic Dialogue at political level

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 3 JUNE 2003**

1. Preparation of the Thessaloniki European Council
  - Council report on Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
  
2. Financial Services Action Plan
  - Half-yearly Commission report on the Financial Services Action Plan
    - = *Presentation*
  - Prospectus directive
    - = *Adoption*
  - Investment Services Directive
    - = *Progress Report*
  
3. Tax matters
  - Direct Taxation
  - Improved Mutual Assistance and Administrative co-operation
    - = *Progress report* (possibly A-item)
  - VAT
  - Review of art. 27, of the 6<sup>th</sup> Directive and committee guidelines
    - = *Agreement* (possibly A-item)
  - Revision of rules on reduced rates
    - = *Orientation debate*

p.m. Eurogroup 2 June 200  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 27/28 FEBRUARY 2003**

1. Proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third-country nationals and stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection
2. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents
3. Proposal for a Council Directive on the right to family reunification
4. Follow up on the Commission Communication on the effectiveness of financial resources available at Community level for repatriation of immigrants and rejected asylum seekers, for management of external borders and for asylum and migration projects in third countries
5. Proposal for a Council Directive on assistance in cases of transit for the purposes of expulsion by air (poss. “A” point)
6. (Poss.) Commission proposal concerning the implementation of Article 7 of the Council Directive on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third-country nationals
7. Guidelines for the Burden-Sharing Study for the Management of the External Borders to be prepared by the Commission: orientation debate
8. Revision of the Council Regulation (EC) n° 539/01 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (poss. “A” point)
9. Initiative by the Kingdom of Spain with a view to amending the Schengen rules relating to the issue of visas at the border, including the issue of such visas to seamen in transit (“A” point)
10. Draft Regulation on the implementation of the FTD and FRTD
11. (Poss.) Draft Ad Hoc Regulation on the simplified procedures on visa issuance for members of the Olympic Family during the Athens Olympic Games in 2004
12. Commission Preliminary Report on the Feasibility Study on improving sea-border controls
13. (Poss.) Schengen Evaluation (France)

14. Initiatives of the Kingdom of Spain with a view to the adoption of a Council Regulation and a Council Decision concerning the introduction of some new function for the Schengen Information System (poss."A" point).
15. Drugs: Preparation of the UN Commission meeting in Vienna
16. Protocol amending the Convention regarding the creation of the Customs Files Identification Database (FIDE) (poss. "A" point)
17. Draft Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia
18. Draft Framework Decision on combating corruption in the private sector. (poss."A" point)
19. Draft Framework Decision laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of drugs trafficking
20. Draft Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties
21. Draft agreement between EU-USA on judicial co-operation in criminal matters and on extradition
22. Framework Decision on the execution in the EU of orders freezing property or evidence (poss. "A" point)
23. Draft Framework Decision on the execution in the European Union of confiscation orders
24. (Poss.) Draft Council Regulation concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility
25. (Poss.) Initiative of the Kingdom of Netherlands concerning a revision of Council Regulation (EC) 44/2001 of 22 December 2000 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters
26. (Poss.) Recommendation for a Council Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of two agreements between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark, extending to Denmark the provisions of Regulation (EC) n° 44/2001 and the provisions of Regulation (EC) n°1348/2000

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**(p.m.) Mixed Committee meeting at ministerial level.**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 8 MAY 2003**

1. Proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third-country nationals and stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection
2. Draft Council Decision on concluding a Protocol according to article 12 of the Agreement between the European Community, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Iceland, concerning the criteria and the mechanisms which allow the determination of the responsibility for examining an application for asylum which is being submitted to a Member State, Iceland or Norway (poss. "A" point)
3. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status
4. Commission communication on links between migration, social policies and employment
5. Proposal for a Council Directive concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents
6. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on the right to family reunification
7. Commission proposal concerning the implementation of Article 7 of the Council Directive on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third-country nationals
8. Establishment of a Handbook of best practices on obtaining travel documents
9. Commission Intermediate Report on the Feasibility Study on improving sea-border controls
10. (Poss.) Commission Feasibility Study on the Visa Information System
11. Commission Presentation on the Recast of the Common Manual (on borders)
12. Follow up on the Commission Communication on the effectiveness of financial resources available at Community level for repatriation of immigrants and rejected asylum seekers, for management of external borders and for asylum and migration projects in third countries
13. Follow up on Schengen negotiations with Switzerland.
14. Fighting Organized Crime in the W. Balkans – especially in the field of trafficking of human beings and drugs: open debate

15. EUROPOL: Decision appointing members of the directorate
16. Council decision increasing co-operation between EU members with regard to disqualifications
17. Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on attacks against information systems
18. Joint Declaration by the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs of the EU and Ukraine on the designation of contact points
19. Model agreement for setting up a Joint Investigation Team
20. (Poss.) Framework Decision on the execution in the European Union of confiscation orders
21. (Poss.) Hague Convention on jurisdiction and foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters
22. (Poss.) Draft regulation on a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims
23. (Poss.) Draft Council Regulation concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility
24. (Poss.) Recommendation for a Council Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of two agreements between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark, extending to Denmark the provisions of Regulation (EC) n° 44/2001 and the provisions of Regulation (EC) n°1348/2000.( n°1348/2000
25. Implementation of the programme to improve cooperation in the EU for preventing and limiting the consequences of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear terrorist threats: orientation debate

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 5/6 JUNE 2003**

1. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third-country nationals and stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection
2. Amended proposal for a Council Directive on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status
3. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents
4. Evaluation of Financial Resources for Return: Commission proposal
5. Follow up on the Commission Communication on the effectiveness of financial resources available at Community level for repatriation of immigrants and rejected asylum seekers, for management of external borders and for asylum and migration projects in third countries
6. Commission progress report on strengthened co-operation with third-countries
7. (Poss.) Draft Regulation on “Local Border Traffic”
8. Draft proposal for the legal framework for the visa database (VIS)
9. Presidency Report on the implementation of the Plan for the Management of the External Borders in view of the Thessaloniki Summit
10. Follow-up on the implementation of the Return Action Programme
11. Conclusions of first round of evaluations on terrorism
12. Decision for the creation of a standard form for requests of criminal records: Commission initiative
13. Framework decision on mutual recognition of orders for the purpose of obtaining evidence: Commission initiative
14. Communication on combating the financing of terrorism accompanied by a proposal for a framework decision to create a register enabling the collection and transmission of information on physical persons implied in financing terrorist activities who participate in the establishment or management of a business: Presentation by the Commission

15. Framework decision on the application of the principle "ne bis in idem" (initiative by the Greek Presidency)
16. Framework decision on approximation of legislation concerning trafficking in human organs and tissues (initiative by the Greek Presidency)
17. Draft Council Regulation concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility
18. Draft Regulation creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims: Orientation debate
19. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Directive on compensation to crime victims
20. Draft Convention between the Community and Denmark on Brussels I Regulation and the Regulation on the signaling and notification of judicial and extra-judicial acts among Member States: Political agreement
21. Schengen Evaluation: Spain, partial UK
22. Best Practices: Police cooperation and personal data Protection

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**(p.m.) Mixed Committee meeting at ministerial level.**

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