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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 30 June 2004.

**Irish 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>	26/27.01.04	23/24.02.04	22/23.03.04	26/27.04.04	17/18.05.04	14/15.06.04
<b>ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	20.01.04	10.02.04	09.03.04		11.05.04	02.06.04
<b>JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS</b>		19/(Poss.) 20.02.04	30.03.04	29/30.04.04		08.06.04

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS 26/27 JANUARY 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Council's Annual Operational Programme (public debate)
2. Progress of work in other Council configurations
3. (Poss.) Follow up to the December European Council
4. Financial Perspective – Commission Communication

**Session on External Relations**

1. Georgia
2. Middle East Peace Process
3. (Poss.) Iran – follow up to SG/HR Solana visit
4. Afghanistan (preparation of International Conference)
5. Orientation debate on the effectiveness of external actions
6. Western Balkans (including situation in Serbia and Montenegro following elections in Serbia)
7. WTO Doha Development Agenda: progress in the negotiations
8. (Poss.) ESDP ( follow up to SFOR)

## **Possible "A" Items**

- EU Security Strategy
- Conflict Prevention Priorities
- Colombia
- Establishment of EU position for the Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan
- Review of progress in implementing December 2002 conclusions on human rights and democratisation in third countries
- Relations with Russia: Presidency workplan on the implementation of the Common Strategy
- Relations with Ukraine: Presidency workplan on the implementation of the Common Strategy

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

- Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan
- Serbia and Montenegro - Troika

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 23/24 FEBRUARY 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Progress of work in other Council configurations
2. Preparation of the Spring European Council (25/26 March)  
– Annotated draft agenda

**Session on External Relations**

1. EU-Russia Strategy
2. Southern Caucasus Strategy
3. (Poss.) Sudan - peace process
4. EDF budgetisation
5. Western Balkans
6. Middle East Peace Process
7. (Poss.) Iran

### Possible "A" items

- Moldova: Renewal of Common Position 03/139 of 27.2.2003
- Disarmament and Non-proliferation: review of EU strategy and mandate for future work
- Children and Armed Conflict – implementation of the Guidelines of 8.12.2003
- Establishment of EU position for the Cooperation Council with Moldova
- (Poss.) Establishment of EU position for the Association Council with Lebanon

### In the margins of the Council

- Cooperation Council with Moldova
- OSCE
- Croatia – Troika
- (Poss.) Association Council with Lebanon

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 22/23 MARCH 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Progress of work in other Council configurations
2. Preparation of the Spring European Council (25/26 March)  
– Annotated draft agenda
3. Commission Annual Policy Strategy 2005 (Public debate)

**Session on External Relations**

1. Strategy for the Middle East Region / Arab World
2. Western Balkans
3. ESDP (possibly "A" item)
4. Middle East Peace Process
5. Iraq (Progress report on the medium term strategy for the EU's relations with Iraq)
6. EU-ACP Water Facility (for debate)
7. ASEM Preparation of meeting with ASEM Foreign Ministers (17/18 April 2004)
8. Iran
9. Preparation of the EU position at the 60th Session of the Commission on Human Rights (15 March - 23 April 2004)



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

- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia: renewal of Common Position 03/280 of 16.4.2003
- "Article 4" Report: approval
- Establishment of the EU position for the Gulf Cooperation Council

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

- Gulf Cooperation Council
- Council of Europe Quadripartite meeting

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 26/27 APRIL 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Progress of work in other Council configurations
2. (Poss.) Follow up to the Spring European Council
3. (Poss.) Enlargement / Accession
4. (Poss.) New Financial Perspective

**Session on External Relations**

1. EU-Africa (including follow up to the EU-AU Troika meeting)
2. EU-Russia: Preparation for Summit
3. Middle East Peace Process
4. Western Balkans
5. Development issues
  - Follow-up to Monterrey
  - ACP-EU relations
  - UNCTAD XI
  - Land Reform

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

- Temporary reception of Palestinians: Review of Common Position 02/400 of 19.5.2003
- Burma/Myanmar: prorogation of Common Position 03/297 of 28.4.2003
- Switzerland: EU position for the ongoing bilateral negotiations
- Indonesia: adoption of Council Conclusions
- Staff regulations applicable to officials and other servants of the European Communities: adoption
- Establishment of EU position for the Association Council with Morocco
- Establishment of EU position for the 21st EEA Council

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

- Russia Permanent Partnership Council
- EEA Council
- Association Council with Morocco

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 17/18 MAY 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Progress of work in other Council configurations
2. Preparation of the European Council (17/18 June)  
– Annotated draft agenda
3. Economic and Social Cohesion (3rd Commission Report)
4. (Poss.) New Financial Perspective

**Session on External Relations**

1. ESDP issues (with Defence Ministers)
2. Western Balkans  
– Annual Report on SAP
3. Examination of Commission Opinion on Croatia's application for EU membership
4. Wider Europe/New Neighbours Strategy
5. EU-Latin America and the Caribbean: preparation of the EU-LAC Summit 28/29 May
6. Middle East Peace Process
7. (Poss.) Afghanistan
8. EU-Canada relations (including preparations for the EU-Canada Summit)

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

- Georgia: review Common Position 03/473 of 25.6.2003
- (Poss.) Draft Council Decision amending Articles 51 and 54 of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice in order to transfer further direct actions from the Court of Justice to the Court of First Instance: final adoption
- (Poss.) Decision amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice to lay down the conditions and limits for review by the Court of Justice of decisions delivered by the Court of First Instance: final adoption
- Establishment of EU position for the Association Council with Turkey
- Establishment of EU position for the Cooperation Council with Ukraine

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

- Association Council with Turkey
- Cooperation Council with Ukraine
- EU + 5 (ESDP) (Defence Ministers)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
GENERAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 14/15 JUNE 2004**

**Session on General Affairs**

1. Progress of work in other Council configurations
2. Preparation of the European Council (17/18 June)
  - Annotated draft agenda
3. (Poss.) Enlargement: preparation of the Accession Conferences with Bulgaria and Romania at Ministerial level
4. (Poss.) WTO Doha Development Agenda

**Session on External Relations**

1. Implementation of Security Strategy
  - Conflict prevention
  - EU-UN
  - Weapons of mass destruction
  - Terrorism
  - Strategy for the Middle East Region / Arab World
2. ESDP
3. EU-US: preparation of Summit
4. EU-Japan: preparation of Summit
5. Western Balkans
6. Middle East Peace Process
7. Iraq
8. Human Rights (Defenders Guidelines) (possible "A" item)
9. Africa

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

- Human Rights in Africa: Review of the Common Position 98/350 of 25.5.1998 (report on the implementation)
- Renewal of the Mandate of the EU Special Representative to the Great Lakes region
- ESDP Report to the European Council
- Revision of mandates EUSRs
- Establishment of the EU position for the 9th meeting of the EU-Romania Association Council
- Common Position on Cuba
- Preparation of EU position for Association Council with Egypt

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

- Association Council with Romania
- Egypt (Association Council or FM Troika)
- Accession Conferences at Ministerial level with Bulgaria and Romania

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 20 JANUARY 2004**

1. Presidency and Commission work programmes
  - Presentation
2. Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
3. Kok Report on creating more employment in Europe

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**pm. Eurogroup 19 January 2004 at 19.00h**



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 10 FEBRUARY 2004**

1. Preparation of the European Council (25 and 26 March)
  - Commission report on the Lisbon Strategy (Spring Report)
  - Annual report by the EPC on structural reforms in 2004
  - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
    - = Implementation report
    - = Council conclusions on the implementation report
    - = Key Issues Paper
      - Orientation debate
  
2. Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes

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**p.m. Eurogroup 9 February 2004 at 19.00h**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 9 MARCH 2004**

1. Preparation of the European Council (25 and 26 March)
  - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines: Key issues paper
  - = Adoption
  
2. (Poss.) Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of updated stability and convergence programmes
  
3. Community budget
  - Discharge procedure in respect of the implementation of the 2002 budget
  - = Council Recommendation
  - Council priorities for the 2005 budget
  - = Council conclusions
  
4. Financial Services
  - Directive to establish the new financial services committee organisational structure

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**p.m. Eurogroup 8 March 2004 at 19.00h**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 11 MAY 2004**

1. Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
  - Commission recommendation/orientation debate
2. Taxation issues
3. Preliminary budget for 2005
  - Presentation by the Commission
4. Financial Services
  - Transparency Directive
  - Financial Instruments Markets Directive (Investment Services Directive)

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**p.m. Eurogroup, 10 May 2004 at 19.00h**  
**Macroeconomic Dialogue at political level, 10 May 2004 at 17.00h**  
**Troika meeting with Parliament on BEPGs, 11 May at 16.00h**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 2 JUNE 2004**

1. Preparation of the European Council (17 and 18 June)
  - Council report on updated Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
  
2. (Poss.) Stability and Growth Pact
  - Examination of convergence programmes of new Member States
  - Excessive deficit procedure
  
3. (Poss.) Public Finances in EMU 2004
  - Orientation debate
  
4. Financial Services
  - Half-yearly Commission report on the Financial Services Action Plan  
= Presentation
  - Financial Services Committee report on financial integration
  - Commission report on financial indicators
  - Report on sectoral expert groups
  
5. Taxation issues

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**p.m. Eurogroup 1 June 2004 at 19.00h  
EIB AGM 2 June 2004 at 09.00h**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 19/(POSS.) 20 FEBRUARY 2004**

1. Directive on minimum standards on the qualification and status of third country nationals and stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection
2. Directive on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status
3. Directive on assistance in cases of transit through the territory of one or more Member States in the context of removal measures taken by Member States against third country nationals
4. (Poss.) Report on common readmission policy
5. Follow up to CEPOL triennial report
6. Draft Framework Decision to strengthen the criminal law reform framework for the enforcement of the law against ship-source pollution
7. Draft Framework Decision on the execution in the EU of confiscation orders
8. Draft Framework Decision on the application of the “ne bis in idem” principle
9. (Poss.) Communication on Police and Customs Co-operation
10. (Poss.) Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of United Nations Transnational Organised Crime Convention and its protocols by the Community

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
BRUSSELS – 30 MARCH 2004**

1. Regulation on the establishment of a regime of local border traffic at the external land borders of the Member States
2. Regulation on the establishment of a regime of local border traffic at the temporary external borders between Member States
3. Directive on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data
4. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Co-operation at the External Borders
5. Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the requirement for the competent authorities of the Member States to stamp systematically the travel documents of third-country nationals when they cross the external borders of the Member States and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen agreement and the common manual to this end
6. (Poss.) Report on common readmission policy
7. (Poss.) Communication on Single Asylum Procedure
8. (Poss.) European Refugee Fund instrument
9. Proposal for a Council Directive to provide a minimum standard of compensation to victims of violent crime throughout the Community
10. Follow up to Dublin Conference on Organised Crime of November, 2003
11. Draft Framework Decision to strengthen the criminal law reform framework for the enforcement of the law against ship-source pollution
12. Draft Framework Decision on the execution in the EU of confiscation orders
13. (Poss.) Communication on the fight against terrorism and a proposal for Framework Decision on the exchange of information on terrorism

14. Appointment of Director of Europol
15. Handbook on combating terrorism – Olympic Games
16. (Poss.) Draft Council Decision on Strengthening Civil Protection
17. (Poss.) Development of SIS II
18. Schengen / Switzerland negotiations

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG – 29/30 APRIL 2004**

1. Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of study, vocational training or voluntary service
2. (Poss.) Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of research
3. Directive on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data
4. Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a European agency for the management of operational co-operation at the external borders
5. Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the requirement for the competent authorities of the Member States to stamp systematically the travel documents of third-country nationals when they cross the external borders of the Member States and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen agreement and the common manual to this end
6. (Poss.) Decision establishing a European return programme and return fund
7. (Poss.) Regulation restructuring the Common Manual on External Borders
8. Proposal for a Council Directive to provide a minimum standard of compensation to victims of violent crime throughout the Community
9. Proposal for a Council Regulation creating a European enforcement order for uncontested claims
10. (Poss.) Council conclusions in relation to the collection and dissemination of information on illicit laboratories and the feasibility of profiling of precursors and synthetic drugs
11. Europol Budget, work programme, financing plan etc.
12. Draft Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway and Republic of Iceland on the application of certain provisions in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters



13. (Poss.) Communication on the fight against terrorism and a proposal for Framework Decision on the exchange of information on terrorism
14. (Poss.) Communication on the fight against and prevention of organised crime in the financial sector
15. (Poss.) Schengen evaluation of UK

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
LUXEMBOURG - 8 JUNE 2004**

1. Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of research
2. (Poss.) Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of paid employment and self-employed economic activity
3. (Poss.) Regulation on the development of a Visa Information System (VIS)
4. (Poss.) Decision establishing a European return programme and return fund
5. (Poss.) Regulation restructuring the Common Manual on External Borders
6. (Poss.) European Refugee Fund instrument
7. (Poss.) Regulation on biometrics for passports
8. (Poss.) Council Regulation relating to recast of the borders acquis
9. (Poss.) Communication presenting the results of the follow-up to the study on how legal immigration policy instruments can contribute to developing the fight against illegal immigration
10. (Poss.) Communication concerning entry to EU for persons in need of international protection
11. (Poss.) Communication on the final Tampere scoreboard
12. (Poss.) Council Decision establishing a secure web-based Information and Co-ordination Network for Member States' Migration Management Services
13. (Poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations (Rome II)
14. (Poss.) Council conclusions in relation to the collection and dissemination of information on illicit laboratories and the feasibility of profiling of precursors and synthetic drugs

15. Terrorism / Updating of list of terrorist organisations - strategic document
  16. Draft Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway and Republic of Iceland on the application of certain provisions in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters
  17. Draft Framework Decision on the European Evidence Warrant for obtaining objects, documents and data for use in proceedings in criminal matters
  18. (Poss.) Communication on the fight against terrorism and a proposal for Framework Decision on the exchange of information on terrorism
  19. (Poss.) Draft Framework Decision on procedural safeguards
  20. (Poss.) Progress Report on Final Evaluation of EU Action Plan on Drugs
  21. (Poss.) Proposal for a Framework Decision to combat money laundering using large scale cash payments
  22. (Poss.) Draft Council Decision on the Community Action Programme (Civil Protection)
  23. (Poss.) Draft Council Decision on a Common Approach to European Union Disaster Prevention
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