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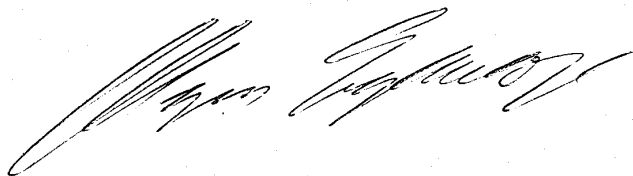
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**COUNCIL OF
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDAS
OF COUNCIL MEETINGS
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DURING THE SWEDISH PRESIDENCY
(first half of 2001)**

SWEDISH PRESIDENCY
DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

prepared by COREPER (Part 2)

COUNCIL	DATES					
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
GENERAL AFFAIRS	22/23.01.01	26/27.02.01	19/20.03.01	9/10.04.01	14/15.05.01	11/12.06.01 25/26.06.01
DEVELOPMENT					31.05.01	
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS	19.01.01	12.02.01	12.03.01		7.05.01	5.06.01
JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND CIVIL PROTECTION			15/16.03.01		28/29.05.01	

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 22/23 JANUARY 2001**

1. Open debate on the Presidency's work-programme
2. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Brussels 29/30 November 2000, Strasbourg 11–15 December 2000)

Horizontal issues

3. Follow-up on the European Council meeting in Nice
 - IGC/Nice Treaty
 - ESDP
 - Enlargement
4. (poss.) Generalised tariff preferences: extension of duty-free access for products originating in the least-developed countries

External Relations and ESDP

5. Orientation debate on the external action of the European Union
6. Western Balkans
7. Middle East Peace Process

Likely to become "A" items

- Relations with Russia
 - = Presentation of the Presidency work plan for the implementation of the Common Strategy on Russia
- Relations with Ukraine
 - = Presentation of the Presidency work plan for the implementation of the Common Strategy on the Ukraine
- Relations with Uzbekistan
 - = Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan
- Presentation of the Presidency priorities for the implementation of the Common Strategy on the Mediterranean Region
- Afghanistan: Review of the Common Position

- Council conclusions on the special report n.12/2000 of the Court of Auditors on the management of Human Rights and Democratisation Funds
- Joint Action on KEDO
- Evaluation of the human rights dialogue with China
- Council Decision on the security regulations of the Council
- Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure

In the margins:

- Cooperation Council with Uzbekistan

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 26/27 FEBRUARY 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Strasbourg 15–18 January, Brussels 31 January–1 February)

Horizontal issues

2. (poss.) Preparation of the European Council in Stockholm, 23/24 March
3. (poss.) Enlargement
4. Commission proposal concerning outermost regions and the implementation of Article 229 § 2
5. (poss.) Public access to documents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

External Relations and ESDP

6. European Security and Defence Policy
7. Western Balkans
8. Middle East Peace Process
9. WTO: accession of China
10. Preparation of the WTO fourth Ministerial Conference
11. Iran
12. Human Rights – Commission communication

Likely to become "A" items

- Establishment of a common position for the third preparatory commission for the UN Conference on illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects
- Establishment of a common position regarding the verification protocol for the Convention against Biological and Toxin Weapons (BTWC)
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Estonia
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Lithuania
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Latvia
- Establishment of the EU position to be taken at the EU-Mexico Joint Council
- Council Decision on the association of the Overseas Countries and Territories
- Conclusions on the Commission communication on electoral assistance

In the margins:

- Association Council with Estonia
- Association Council with Lithuania
- Association Council with Latvia
- EU-Mexico Joint Council

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 19/20 MARCH 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Strasbourg 12–15 February, Brussels 28 February–1 March)

Horizontal issues

2. Preparation of the European Council in Stockholm, 23/24 March
3. (poss.) Enlargement
4. (poss.) Public access to documents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission
5. Council Conclusions on the integration of environmental concerns for the General Affairs Council
6. Second report on economic and social cohesion: information by the Commission

External Relations and ESDP

7. European Security and Defence Policy
8. Western Balkans
9. Middle East Peace Process
10. UN Commission on Human Rights
11. (poss.) Russia
12. (poss.) Transatlantic relations: presentation of the Commission's communication

Likely to become "A" items

- Ethiopia and Eritrea: extension of the Common Position on the arms embargo
- Preparation of the 10th EU-Rio Group Ministerial Meeting
- Adoption by the Council of bilateral agreements on higher education and training with the US and Canada
- EU Cooperation Programme for non-proliferation and disarmament in the Russian Federation
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Romania

In the margins:

- Association Council with Romania

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 9/10 APRIL 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Strasbourg 12–15 March)

Horizontal issues

2. Follow-up of the European Council in Stockholm, 23/24 March
3. (poss.) Preparation of the European Council in Göteborg, 15/16 June
4. Enlargement
5. (poss.) Public access to documents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission

External Relations and ESDP

6. European Security and Defence Policy
7. Western Balkans
8. Middle East Peace Process
9. (poss.) Conflicts in Africa/Great Lakes Region: follow-up of Council conclusions of May 2000

Likely to become "A" items

- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Cooperation Council with Russia
- Preparation of the Northern Dimension ministerial meeting
- Extension of the Common Position on Burma
- Report on follow-up of the Africa-Europe Summit
- Preparation for the ACP-EC Council of Ministers
- Preparation of the EU-Japan Summit
- Adoption of a Common Position for the IAEA Conference on illicit trafficking in nuclear related material
- Establishment of the EU position for the EU-GCC Joint Council (Bahrain)
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Tunisia
- Adoption of a Common Position replacing Common Position 1999/533/CFSP
- Establishment of a new/revised Common Position on conflict prevention and conflict resolution in Africa

- EU's contribution to the promotion of the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)
 - Preparations for the implementation of the Treaty of Nice
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In the margins:

- Cooperation Council with Russia
- (poss.) Association Council with Tunisia
- Northern Dimension ministerial meeting

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 14/15 MAY 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Strasbourg 2–5 April)

Horizontal issues

2. Preparation of the European Council in Göteborg, 15/16 June
3. Enlargement
4. Commission reforms

External Relations and ESDP

5. European Security and Defence Policy
6. Western Balkans
7. Middle East Peace Process
8. (poss.) Russia
9. Transatlantic relations: follow-up on the Commission's communication
10. (poss.) Preparation of the WTO fourth Ministerial Conference

Likely to become "A" items

- Review of the Common Position on human rights, democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance in Africa
- Adoption of the Joint Action in support of the ECOWAS moratorium on small arm and light weapons
- Adoption of a Common Position or Council conclusions on Nigeria
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Cyprus
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Cooperation Council with Ukraine
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Cooperation Council with Moldova
- ASEM: preparations for the third meeting of Foreign Ministers (Beijing, 24/25 May)
- Council report on the implementation of the Common Strategy for the Mediterranean Region
- Preparation of the EU – Russia Summit
- Adoption of a follow-up to Joint Action 1999/34/CFSP (possible second EU contribution in the field of small arms and light weapons in Mozambique)
- Adoption of an EU Common Position on the UN Conference on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects

In the margins:

- Association Council with Cyprus
- Cooperation Council with Ukraine
- Cooperation Council with Moldova

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 11/12 JUNE 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament
(Brussels 2/3 May, Strasbourg 14–17 May)

Horizontal issues

2. Preparation of the European Council in Göteborg, 15/16 June
3. Enlargement

External Relations and ESDP

4. Western Balkans
5. Middle East Peace Process
6. Russia

Likely to become "A" items

- Evaluation of the Common Position on Cuba
- Review of the Common Position on Angola
- Establishment of EU positions for the Accession Conferences at Ministerial Level
- Preparation of the EU – US Summit
- Preparation of the EU – Canada Summit

In the margins:

- Accession Conferences at Ministerial Level

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 25/26 JUNE 2001**

1. Resolutions, decisions and opinions adopted by the European Parliament (Brussels 30/31 May)

Horizontal issues

2. Follow-up of the European Council in Göteborg, 15/16 June

External Relations and ESDP

3. Western Balkans
4. Middle East Peace Process

Likely to become "A" items

- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the EEA Council
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Slovakia
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Slovenia
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Turkey
- Establishment of the EU position for the session of the Association Council with Jordan
- Establishment of the EU position for the Joint Council with Mercosur
- Establishment of the EU position for the Joint Council with Chile

In the margins:

- EEA Council
- Association Council with Slovakia
- Association Council with Slovenia
- Association Council with Turkey
- Association Council with Jordan
- Joint Council with Mercosur
- Joint Council with Chile

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 31 MAY 2001**

1. Linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD)
2. Human rights and democracy
3. EC cooperation with the UN
4. Action Programme for the implementation of the General Policy Declaration adopted by the Council on 10 November 2000
5. Action Programs for the fight against poverty and for the integration of gender considerations into development policy
6. Action Programme on transmittable diseases
7. Strategy for the integration of environmental considerations in development policy
8. Sustainable transport in development cooperation
9. Food aid and food security
10. Digital divide: information and communication technologies
11. Regulations under the co-decision procedure
 - Antipersonal landmines
 - EC Investment Partners
 - Uprooted people

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 19 JANUARY 2001**

1. Presidency and Commission work programmes
 - *Presentation and open debate*

2. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (restricted session)
 - *Examination of updated Stability and Convergence programmes*

3. Public finances contribution to growth and employment
 - *Orientation debate on Commission communication (contribution to the joint report)*

5. EMU statistics
 - *Adoption of progress report*

For the record:

- EUROGROUP

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 12 FEBRUARY 2001**

1. Implementation of Stability and Growth Pact (restricted session)
 - *Examination of updated Stability and Convergence programmes*

2. Preparation of the Stockholm European Council (23/24 March)
 - Commission report on the functioning of product and capital markets
 - = *Presentation*

 - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
 - = *Orientation debate*
 - = *(poss.) Contributions of other Council formations*

3. Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities (UCITS)
 - *Political agreement*

4. Regulation on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting
 - *Political agreement*

For the record:

- EUROGROUP
- Breakfast meeting between the ECOFIN Troika and the Social Partners on the preparations of the Stockholm Spring Summit
- Conciliation meeting with the Parliament on the Council Regulation amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 and separating the internal audit function from the ex ante financial control function (Article 24, fifth paragraph, of the Financial Regulation)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 12 MARCH 2001**

1. Preparation of the Stockholm European Council (23/24 March)
 - Wise Men's Report on the regulation of the European securities markets
= *Council report*
 - Public finances contribution to growth and employment
= *Joint Council/Commission report*
 - Economic reform
= *Council report (EPC report)*
 - Commission synthesis report
 - Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
= *Key issues paper*
= *Commission report on the implementation of the 2000 guidelines*

2. EU Budget issues
 - Discharge procedure relative to the implementation of the 1999 budget
= *Council recommendation*
 - Priorities for the EU budget for 2002
= *Council conclusions*

3. Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (restricted session)
 - *Examination of updated Stability and Convergence programmes*

4. Winding-up of credit institutions
 - *Second reading*

5. VAT: cross-border reimbursement (8th Directive) and right to deduct
 - *Orientation debate*

For the record:

- EUROGROUP

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 7 MAY 2001**

1. Follow-up to the Stockholm European Council (23/24 March)
2. Commission Recommendation for the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines 2001
 - *Debate*
3. Preliminary draft EU Budget for 2002
 - *Presentation by the Commission and orientation debate*
4. Financial Services
 - (poss.) Strategy for future work on supplementary occupational pensions
 - = *Council conclusions*
 - (poss.) Electronic commerce in financial services
 - = *Policy debate on a Commission communication*
5. Economic dialogue between the EU and Russia
 - *Preparation*
6. Direct Taxation
 - Communication on company taxation
 - = *Presentation by the Commission*
 - Communication on pensions
 - = *Presentation by the Commission*

For the record:

- EUROGROUP
- Macroeconomic dialogue at political level
- Meeting between the ECOFIN Troika and a delegation of the Economic and Monetary Committee of the European Parliament

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL
LUXEMBOURG – 5 JUNE 2001**

1. Preparation of the Göteborg European Council (15/16 June)

- Broad Economic Policy Guidelines
 - = *Council report*

- Strategy for sustainable development
 - = *Council conclusions*

- Tax Package
 - *Report to the European Council by the Presidency and the Commission on all the aspects of the tax package*

 - = Taxation of savings
 - *Report to the Council by the Commission and the Presidency on discussions with third countries*
 - *Reports to the Council by the Member States concerned on discussions with associated or dependant territories*

 - = Code of Conduct
 - *Progress report by the Code of Conduct Group to the Council*

2. Indirect Taxation

- VAT
 - e-commerce
 - = *Political agreement*
 - (poss.) modernisation and simplification of VAT invoicing
 - = *Political agreement*

- Excise Duties
 - energy taxation
 - = *Orientation debate*

3. Financial Services

- Financial Services Action Plan
= *Commission progress report and Council conclusions*
- Risk Capital Action Plan
= *Annual report and Council conclusions*
- (poss.) Directive on money laundering
= *Second reading*
- (poss.) Directive on the creation of a Securities Committee
= *Political agreement*

4. (poss.) Financial Regulation applicable to the EU Budget

- *Common position*

5. Efficient Financial Management

- Sound Financial Management
= *Presentation by the Commission of the report of the personal representatives group*
- Fight against fraud
= *Council conclusions on the Commission annual report and work programme*

6. (poss.) Public finances in the EMU – 2001

- *Commission presentation*

For the record:

- EUROGROUP
- EIB annual meeting

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND CIVIL PROTECTION COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 15/16 MARCH 2001**

Horizontal matters

1. Follow-up to Tampere: *state of play*
2. (poss.) Decision on the establishment of a European network for crime prevention: *adoption*
3. Conference "Towards a knowledge-based strategy to prevent crime" in Sundsvall 21-23 February: *Presidency report and conclusions*
4. Country reports on Latvia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Malta and Slovakia
5. (poss.) Preparations for the meeting with JHA ministers of the candidate countries

Visa, Asylum and Immigration

6. Directive on temporary protection in case of mass influx of displaced persons in need of international protection: *orientation debate*
7. Directive on reception of asylum seekers: *presentation of the proposal*
8. Directive on the right to family reunification
9. (poss.) Regulation listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempted from that requirement: *adoption*
10. Decision on the condition for issuing visas by Member States: *adoption*
11. Directive on approximation of the legal status of third country nationals who are long-term residents in a Member State: *presentation of the proposal*

Likely to become "A" items

- Decision on implementing rules for Eurodac
- Regulation on freedom of movement with long-stay visa
- Regulation reserving for the Council implementing powers in respect of certain detailed provisions and practical procedures relating to the examination of visa applications

Judicial cooperation

12. Creation of a unit aimed at judicial cooperation (Eurojust): *state of play*
13. (poss.) Framework decision on non-cash means of payment: *adoption*
14. (poss.) Framework decision on environmental crimes: *political agreement*
15. Framework decision on money laundering: *adoption*
16. (poss.) Framework decision on combating trafficking in human beings: *discussion of some main issues*
17. (poss.) Framework decision on the sexual exploitation of children: *discussion of some main issues*
18. (poss.) Framework Decision on the standing of victims in the criminal procedure: *adoption*
19. Decision extending the Grotius financing programme: *adoption*
20. Convention on improving mutual assistance in criminal matters: *political agreement*
21. (poss.) Authorisation for the Commission to negotiate a revised version of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters done at Lugano on 16 September 1988: *adoption*
22. (poss.) Authorisation for the Commission to negotiate agreements with Denmark concerning areas governed by acts adopted according Title IV in the EC Treaty: *adoption*

Police and Customs Cooperation and Civil Protection

23. Report on racism and xenophobia in the Member States
24. (poss.) Extension of Europol's competences (possibly computer crime, fraud and environmental crime): *political agreement*
25. Council Decision on the basis of the data protection reports concerning Norway, Iceland, Poland and Hungary: *adoption*
26. Council decision adjusting the basic salaries and allowances applicable to Europol staff: *adoption*
27. Council Act amending the staff regulations applicable to Europol employees: *adoption*
28. Europol's annual report (2000): *endorsement*

29. (poss.) Meeting between MS liaison officers in Russia: *Presidency report*
 30. (poss.) Report concerning Nordic integration into the Schengen Information System, etc.: *approval*
 31. (poss.) Request from Ireland to participate in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis: *decision*
 32. (poss.) Decision on UK and Irish integration into the Schengen Information System: *adoption*
 33. Report from the Committee set up by Article 16 of the Convention on the use of information technology for customs purposes (26 July 1995): *adoption*
 34. Handbook for Customs Cooperation on the basis of the Convention on mutual assistance and cooperation between customs administration (Naples II, 18 December 1997): *adoption*
 35. Decision extending the OISIN financing programme: *adoption*
 36. Decision extending the STOP financing programme: *adoption*
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR
THE JUSTICE, HOME AFFAIRS AND CIVIL PROTECTION COUNCIL
BRUSSELS – 28/29 MAY 2001**

Horizontal matters

1. Country reports on Poland, Estonia and the Czech Republic

Visa, Asylum and Immigration

2. Directive on the right to family reunification: *political agreement*
3. Directive on entry and residence for the purpose of employment and study, etc.: *presentation of the proposal*
4. (poss.) Directive on mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third country nationals: *adoption*
5. High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration: *report*
6. Directive on asylum procedures
7. Directive on assistance in cases of transit for the purpose of expulsion by air: *adoption*

Judicial Cooperation

8. Creation of a unit aimed at judicial cooperation (Eurojust): *political agreement on some articles*
9. (poss.) Framework decision on environmental crimes: *adoption*
10. (poss.) Framework decision and directive on the prevention and facilitation of unauthorised entry and residence: *political agreement*
11. Framework decision on combating trafficking in human beings: *political agreement*
12. Framework decision on sexual exploitation of children: *political agreement*
13. Framework decision on freezing of assets: *political agreement*

14. Final evaluation report on mutual legal assistance and urgent requests for the tracing and restraint of property within the EU: *adoption*
15. (poss.) Agreements with Denmark concerning areas governed by acts adopted according to Title IV of the EC Treaty: *adoption*
16. Revised version of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in civil and commercial matters done at Lugano on 16 September 1988: *approval*
17. (poss.) Council Regulation on the mutual enforcement of judgements on rights of access to children (Brussels IIa): *political agreement*
18. Council Decision establishing a European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters: *adoption*
19. Council Regulation on cooperation between the courts of the Member States of the European Union on the taking of evidence in civil and commercial matters: *adoption*
20. (poss.) Negotiating mandate for the Community at the diplomatic conference 7–27 June 2001 in the Hague Conference on Private International Law regarding the preliminary draft Hague Convention on Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters: *adoption*

Police and Customs Cooperation and Civil Protection

21. (poss.) Revision of the Europol Convention: *political agreement/adoption*
22. Europol budget (2002): *adoption*
23. Europol work programme (2002): *endorsement*
24. Europol: negotiations on agreements with third countries and international organisations: *adoption*
25. (poss.) Report on threats of terrorism: *take note*
26. (poss.) Resolution on the personal data protection rules in instruments under the third pillar of the European Union: *adoption*
27. Decision on comprehensive action against synthetic drugs in Europe (CASE): *adoption*
28. (poss.) Implementation of the Pre-accession Pact on Organised Crime of 28 May 1988 between the Member States of the European Union and the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Cyprus: *progress report*
29. (poss.) Implementation of the joint European Union/Russia Action Plan on common action for Russia on combating organised crime: *progress report*

30. Council Framework Decision on Amendment of Article 40 of the Schengen Convention concerning the right of cross-border surveillance: *adoption*
 31. Council Decision on standardisation of information to be registered for tracking firearms: *adoption*
 32. (poss.) Report on strengthened operative cooperation in the fight against organised crime in the customs area
 33. (poss.) Council decision establishing a Community mechanism for the coordination of Civil Protection intervention in the event of emergencies: *adoption*
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