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The 2733rd session of the Council of the European Union - **EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS** - will take place on 1 (10.00) and 2 (10.00) June 2006 , in the Conference Centre - FIL, 5 rue Carlo Hemmer, Luxembourg, under the Presidency of **Mrs Ursula HAUBNER**, Federal Minister for Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection; **Mr Martin BARTENSTEIN**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Labour, and **Ms Maria RAUCH-KALLAT**, Federal Minister for Health and Women of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

Thursday, 1 June 2006: EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

- **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development: Social Inclusion - *Public debate***
 - Policy debate
 - Endorsement of joint Opinion of the Social Protection Committee and the Employment Committee

- **"Implementing the Community Lisbon programme: Social services of general interest in the European Union" - Communication from the Commission**
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Opinion of the Social Protection Committee: oral presentation by the Chairman

- **Coordination of social security schemes**
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing Regulation (EC) No 883/04
 - = *Partial general approach*

- **Coordination of social security systems - Annex XI**
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 and determining the content of Annex XI
 - = *Partial general approach*

- **European Institute for Gender Equality - *Public deliberation***
 - Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - = *Political agreement*

- **Beijing Platform for Action**
 - Review of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions
 - = *Council conclusions*

- **Flexicurity**
 - Endorsement of a joint contribution of the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee
- **Improving the portability of supplementary pension rights**
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
= *Progress report*
- **Community programme for Employment and Social Solidarity - PROGRESS - *Public deliberation***
 - Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
= *Political agreement*
- **Employment Policies of the Member States**
 - Proposal for a Council Decision
= *Political agreement*
- **Certain aspects of the organisation of working time - *Public deliberation***
 - Amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/88/EC
= *Political agreement*

Friday, 2 June 2006: HEALTH

- **Food additives - *Public deliberation***
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners and Directive 94/35/EC on sweeteners for use in foodstuffs
= *Adoption of the legislative act*
- **Women's Health**
 - = *Council conclusions*
- **Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes**
 - = *Council conclusions*
- **Common values and principles in EU-Health Systems**
 - = *Council conclusions*
- **Review of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Development**
 - = *Policy debate*
- **Pandemic influenza preparedness and planning**
 - = *Exchange of views*

- **Combating HIV/AIDS within the European Union and in the neighbouring countries**
 - Commission Communication to the Council and the European Parliament
 - = *Exchange of views*

- **Advanced therapy medicinal products**
 - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on advanced therapy medicinal products and amending Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004
 - = *Progress report*

- **Review of the medical device directives**
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC and Directive 98/8/EC of the European Parliament and the Council
 - = *Progress report*

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