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The 2729th session of the Council of the European Union (**EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE**) will take place on 18 (14h30) and 19 (09h30) May 2006, in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Franz Morak**, State Secretary, Federal Chancellery and **Ms Elisabeth Gehrler**, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Culture of Austria.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

CULTURE (including AUDIOVISUAL MATTERS)

- Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013)
 - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
= *Political agreement - **Public deliberation***
- European Capital of Culture
 - Nomination of 2 members of the selection panel under Decision 1419/1999/EC
- European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008
 - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
= *General approach*
- "Citizens for Europe" 2007-2013
 - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
= *Political agreement - **Public deliberation***
- Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions
= *Adoption*
- Strengthening the European creative industries: a contribution to growth and employment
= *Presidency conclusions/Exchange of views*
- MEDIA 2007 programme
 - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council
= *Political agreement - **Public deliberation***
- Protection of minors and human dignity and on the right of reply in relation to the competitiveness of the European audiovisual and online information services industry
 - Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council
= *Political agreement - **Public deliberation***

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- Television without frontiers
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - = *Progress report/Exchange of views*

EDUCATION

- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council: The European Indicator of Language Competence
 - = *Council conclusions*
- Key competences for lifelong learning
 - Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council
 - = *General approach*
- European Quality Charter for Mobility
 - Proposal for a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - = *General approach*
- Lifelong learning
 - Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - = *Exchange of views on the financial aspects of the programme*
- Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (EU SDS)
 - = *Policy debate on the contribution of education to sustainable development*

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The Presidency will hold press conferences at the end of each session of the Council.
