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The 2605th session of the Council of the European Union (**COMPETITIVENESS - Internal market, Industry and Research**) will take place on 24 September 2004 (10h00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr. Laurens Jan BRINKHORST**, Dutch Minister for Economic Affairs and **Ms Maria VAN DER HOEVEN**, Dutch Minister for Education, Science and Culture.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

- Economic situation and competitiveness
  - = Information from the Presidency
- Industrial policy and structural change
  - Commission Communication – Fostering structural change: an industrial policy for an enlarged Europe
  - = Exchange of views
  - = Council conclusions
- Better regulation – Simplification of legislation
  - = Progress report
  - = Policy debate
- Implementation of internal market legislation
  - Presentation by the Commission of the Scoreboard 13 and a Recommendation
  - = Exchange of views
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on machinery and amending Directive 95/16/EC
  - = Political agreement
  - **Public deliberation**

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending for the 22nd time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (phthalates) and amending Council Directive 88/378/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the safety of toys
  - = Political agreement
  - **Public deliberation**
  
- Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning sales promotions in the internal market
  - = Political agreement
  - **Public deliberation**
  
- ITER: conclusion of international agreement
  - = Exchange of views on possible scenarios and on line to take
  - = (poss.) Conclusions
  
- European Research policy
  - = Implementation of the 6th Framework Programme
  - = Communication from the Commission responding to the observations and recommendations of the high-level Panel of independent experts concerning the new instruments of the 6th Framework Programme
  - = Communication from the Commission - Science and technology, the key to Europe's future- Guidelines for future European Union policy to support research
    - Exchange of views
    - Council conclusions
  
- Nanotechnologies: Commission Communication: Towards a European strategy for nanotechnology
  - = Exchange of views
  - = Council conclusions - **Public debate**

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A press conference will be held by the Presidency at the end of the session. It is possible that a first press conference would take place at the end of the morning session.

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