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The 3208th session of the Council of the European Union - **COMPETITIVENESS** (Internal market, Industry, Research, Space) - will take place on 10 (9.30) and 11 (9.30) December 2012, in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the chair of Mr **Neoklis SYLIKIOTIS**, Cyprus Minister for Commerce, Industry and Tourism and Mrs **Eleni MAVROU**, Cyprus Minister for the Interior (responsible for the Research portfolio).

The following points will be discussed at this session:

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER (9.30)

INTERNAL MARKET - INDUSTRY - CUSTOMS POLICY

Legislative deliberations

- Draft directive amending directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications
Progress report
- Public Procurement Package
 - (a) Draft directive on public procurement
 - (b) Draft directive on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors
 - (c) Draft directive on the award of concession contracts*General approach*
- Unitary Patent and International Agreement on the Unified Patent Court
Presidency report on state of play and endorsement of the final package
- Draft regulation laying down the Union Customs Code (recast)
Orientation debate
- Amended proposal for a draft regulation establishing an action programme for customs in the EU for the period 2014-2020 ("Customs 2020")
Partial general approach

Non-legislative activities

- Modernisation of the state aid rules - impact on EU competitiveness
Presentation by the Commission and policy debate

- Customs policy
 - (a) Report on the implementation of the EU action plan on intellectual property rights (IPRs) for the years 2009-2012
Presentation by the Commission
 - (b) EU customs action plan to combat IPR infringements for the years 2013-2017
Council resolution
 - (c) Progress on the strategy for the evolution of the Customs Union
Council conclusions

- Single Market Act II
Council conclusions

- Industrial Policy
 - (a) Communication from the Commission on "A stronger European industry for growth and economic recovery"
Council conclusions
 - (b) CARS 2020: Action plan for a competitive and sustainable automotive industry
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER (9.30)

RESEARCH - INNOVATION - SPACE

Non-legislative activities

- Communication on "Establishing appropriate relations between the EU and the European Space Agency"
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views
- Communication from the Commission on "A reinforced European Research Area - Partnership for excellence and growth"
Council conclusions
- Communication on "Enhancing and focusing international cooperation in research and innovation"
Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views

Public deliberations

- Horizon 2020 – The framework programme for research and innovation (2014-2020)
 - (a) Draft decision establishing the Specific programme implementing Horizon 2020
Partial general approach
 - (b) Draft regulation on the research and training programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing Horizon 2020
Progress report
- Draft decision on the strategic innovation agenda for the European Institute of Innovation and Technology
Partial general approach

Press conferences:

- *industry - internal market - customs policy : Monday 10/12 at +/- 17.30.*
- *research - innovation - space policy: Tuesday 11/12 at the end of the meeting;*

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