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The 3002nd session of the Council of the European Union - **ENVIRONMENT** - will take place on 15 March 2010 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Ms. Elena Espinosa Mangana**, Spanish Minister for the Environment and Marine and Rural Affairs.

The following items will be discussed at this session:

- Biodiversity: Post-2010
EU and global vision and targets and international ABS regime
 - *Council conclusions*

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the protection of soil
 - Progress report**Public deliberation**

- Preparation of the European Council on 25 and 26 March 2010: European Strategy for Growth and Jobs
 - Presentation by the Commission of its Communication EUROPE 2020
 - Exchange of views (Environmental issues)

- Climate change: Follow-up to the Copenhagen Conference (7-19 December 2009)
 - *Council conclusions*

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council: Setting emission performance standards for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles
 - Policy debate**Public deliberation**

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Press conference: +/- 13.00 and +/- 18.30.

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