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PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS¹

THURSDAY

The deliberations concern the following A items (without discussion):

(±11.15)

- Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council introducing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for the purposes of transit through their territories
- Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision N° 896/2006/EC establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory

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The Council's first deliberations on important legislative acts other than those adopted by co-decision are open to the public.
The Council regularly holds public debates on important issues affecting the interests of the Union and its citizens, as well as policy debates on the Council's programmes.

The deliberation concerns the following B item (with discussion):

(+11.30)

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third- country nationals

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FRIDAY

The deliberation concerns the following A item (without discussion):

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- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to contractual obligations (Rome I)
 - Adoption of the legislative act

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