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Luxembourg, 18 April 2008

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PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS¹

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

(+10.30)

- ❖ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/477/EEC on control of the acquisition and **possession of weapons**
 - Adoption of the legislative act
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the **operation of air services** in the Community
 - Adoption
 - (a) of the common position
 - (b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

¹ All Council deliberations under the co-decision procedure are open to the public.
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.

- ❖ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/87/EC so as to include aviation activities in the scheme for **greenhouse gas emission** allowance trading within the Community
 - Adoption
 - (a) of the common position
 - (b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

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

(+10.45)

- ❖ 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
 - state of play

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PRESS CONFERENCE

Press conference: at the end of the Council (+15.30).

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