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The 2945th session of the Council of the European Union - **COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research)** - will take place on 28 (10:00) and 29 (12:00) May 2009 at the Justus Lipsius Building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Vladimír Tošovský**, Minister of Industry and Trade and **Ms Miroslava Kopicová**, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, of the Czech Republic.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

Thursday, 28 May 2009 (10:00)

INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY

- An integrated approach to a competitive and sustainable industrial policy in the European Union
 - Policy debate
 - *Council conclusions*
- Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Think Small First - A Small Business Act for Europe
 - Policy debate
- Better Regulation
 - *Council conclusions*
- Enhancing the patent system in Europe
 - (a) Proposal for a Regulation of the Council on the Community patent
 - (b) Draft Agreement creating a Unified Patent Litigation System
 - Progress report on both a) and b)
 - (c) Request for an opinion by the European Court of Justice on the compatibility with the EC Treaty of the envisaged Agreement creating a Unified Patent Litigation System
 - Agreement in principle
- European Space Policy
 - Preparation of the Sixth "Space Council" of 29 May 2009

Friday, 29 May 2009

SIXTH "SPACE COUNCIL" (09.00)¹

RESEARCH (12:00)

- European Space Policy
 - *Council conclusions on the outcome of the "Space Council"*
- Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community legal framework for a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)
 - Political agreement
- Evaluation and impact assessment of European research framework programmes (FPs)
 - *Council conclusions and exchange of views*
 - Presentation by the Commission of the progress report on FP7
- Research Infrastructures and the regional dimension of European Research Area
 - *Council conclusions*
- The first steps toward the realisation of the European Research Area Vision 2020
 - *Council conclusions*

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Press conferences:

- Internal market - industry: Thu 28 May, at the end of the session.
- Space Council: Fri 29 May at around 11.30.
- Research: Fri 29 May, late afternoon, at the end of the session.

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¹ The agenda for the Space Council meeting is attached in the Annex.

SIXTH "SPACE COUNCIL"
Provisional agenda - 29 May 2009 (09.00)

- Space and Innovation
 - Discussion on the basis of a discussion note prepared by the Joint Secretariat
- GMES (Global monitoring for environment and security)
 - (a) Commission proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation on the funding of GMES initial operations
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - (b) GMES space component - operational programme
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - Presentation by ESA
- The contribution of space to innovation and competitiveness in the context of the European Economic Recovery Plan, and further steps
 - Adoption of orientations