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The 2616th session of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH AND CULTURE) will take place on 15 (9.30) and 16 (10.00) November 2004, in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Ms Maria VAN DER HOEVEN, Minister for Education, Culture and Science, Ms Clémence ROSS, State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sport and Ms Medy VAN DER LAAN, State Secretary for Education, Culture and Science**, of Netherlands.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

EDUCATION

- Decision establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning
= *Progress report and policy debate*
- Report on the broader role of education and its cultural aspects "Education and citizenship"
= *Adoption*
- Conclusions on the future priorities of enhanced European Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training (VET)
= *Adoption*
- Report from the High-Level Group advising the European Commission in its preparations for the mid-term review of the Lisbon Strategy in March 2005 ("Kok report")
= Policy debate (**Public debate**)

YOUTH

- Decision creating the "Youth in Action" programme for the period 2007-2013
= *Progress report and policy debate*
- Conclusions on the evaluation of the Youth Programme 2000-2006 (period 2000-2003)
= *Adoption*
- Resolution on common objectives for voluntary activities of young people
= *Adoption*
- Resolution on common objectives for a greater understanding and knowledge of youth
= *Adoption*

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CULTURE (including Audiovisual matters)

- Decision establishing the Culture 2007 programme (2007-2013)
= *Progress report and policy debate*
- Conclusions on the Work Plan for Culture 2005-2006
= *Adoption*
- Decision appointing two members of the jury in the context of the "European Capital of Culture" event
- Decision authorising the Commission to participate in the negotiations within UNESCO on the Convention on the protection of the diversity of cultural contents and artistic expressions
= *Adoption*
- Decision concerning a programme of support for the European audiovisual sector (MEDIA 2007)
= *Progress report and policy debate*
- Recommendation on film heritage and the competitiveness of related industrial activities
= *General approach*
- Recommendation on the protection of minors and human dignity and on the right of reply in relation to the competitiveness of the European audiovisual and online information services industry
= *General approach*
- Competence of the Member States regarding the definition of public service mission in the information society
= *Exchange of views*

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A Press conference will be held by the President of the Council and the Commissioner at the end of each day's session.
