



**COUNCIL OF
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The 2773rd session of the Council of the European Union - **ENVIRONMENT** - will take place on 18 December 2006 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr. Jan-Erik ENESTAM**, Minister for the Environment, of Finland.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

- Framework for Community Action in the field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Directive)
 - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
 - Political agreement
 - = ***Public deliberation***
- Halting the Loss of Biodiversity
 - Council conclusions
 - = ***Public debate***
- Follow-up to the COP 12 to the UNFCCC in conjunction with the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (COP/MOP 2) (Nairobi, 6-17 November 2006)
 - Council conclusions
 - Exchange of views

➤ Genetically modified organisms

- a) Proposal for a Council Decision repealing the provisional prohibition of the use and sale in Austria of genetically modified maize (Zea mays L. line MON 810) pursuant to Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
- b) Proposal for a Council Decision repealing the provisional prohibition of the use and sale in Austria of genetically modified maize (Zea mays L. line T25) pursuant to Directive 2001/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Adoption

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A press conference will be held by the President of the Council after lunch (± 15.00).

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