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The 2969th session of the Council of the European Union - **JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS** - will take place on 23 October 2009 (10.00), in the Conference Centre - FIL, 5, rue Carlo Hemmer, Luxembourg, under the Presidency of **Mrs Beatrice ASK, Minister for Justice** and **Mr Tobias Billström, Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy** of Sweden.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

HOME AFFAIRS (morning)

- Fifth Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on certain third countries' maintenance of visa requirements in breach of the principle of reciprocity in accordance with Article 1(5) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 as regards the reciprocity mechanism
 - Presentation and first exchange of views

- Report from the Commission to the Council on the re-introduction of the visa requirement by Canada for citizens of the Czech Republic in accordance with Article 1(4)(c) of Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 as regards the reciprocity mechanism
 - Presentation and first exchange of views

- Draft Council Framework Decision on Accreditation of Forensic Laboratory Activities
 - General approach

- Proposal for a Council Decision setting up a European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) and repealing Decision 2001/427/JHA
 - General approach

JUSTICE (afternoon)

- Procedural rights
 - = Draft Resolution of the Council on a roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings
 - Adoption
 - = Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the right to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings
 - General approach
 - = Proposal for a Resolution of the Council and of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council fostering the implementation by Member States of the right to interpretation and to translation in criminal proceedings
 - General approach

public debate
- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the transfer of proceedings in criminal matters
public debate
- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, repealing Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA
 - State of play

In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level - 10 h.00

- Adoption of the provisional agenda
- SIS II
 - State of play
- Visa information System
 - State of play / rescheduling

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