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The 2980th Council session of the European Union - **EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY AND HEALTH** - will take place on Monday 30 November (10.00) and Tuesday 1 December 2009 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of Mr **Sven Otto LITTORIN**, Swedish minister for Employment and Ms **Nyamko SABUNI**, Swedish minister for Integration and Gender Equality. Health items will be addressed on 1 December under the chair of Ms **Maria LARSSON**, Swedish minister for Elderly Care and Public Health, and Mr **Göran HÄGGLUND**, Swedish minister for Health and Social Affairs.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

MEETING ON MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2009 (10:00)

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY ITEMS

- **Recovering from the crisis and preparing for the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy**
 - Public policy debate
 - (a) Commission Working Document: "The Employment Crisis: Trends, Policy Responses and Key Actions"
 - Presentation by the Commission
 - (b) Promoting labour market inclusion - Recovering from the crisis and preparing for the post-2010 Lisbon Strategy
 - Council conclusions
 - (c) The European Employment Strategy within the post-2010 Lisbon Agenda
 - Endorsement of Employment Committee Opinion
 - (d) The post-2010 Lisbon Strategy
 - Endorsement of Social Protection Committee Opinion
 - (e) Second joint Social Protection Committee/Commission report on the Social Impact of the Crisis
 - Presentation
- Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the revised Framework Agreement on **parental leave** concluded by BUSINESSSEUROPE, UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC and repealing Directive 96/34/EC (text with EEA relevance)
 - Political agreement
- **Healthy and dignified ageing**
 - Council conclusions

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- Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Community, the **Work in Fishing Convention**, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention 188)
 - Political agreement
- **Gender equality: strengthening growth and employment**
 - Public policy debate and adoption of Council conclusions
- Follow-up of the implementation by the Member States and the EU institutions of the **Beijing Platform of Action** - "Beijing 15+": A Review of Progress
 - Council conclusions
- Proposal for a Directive on the application of the principle of **equal treatment** between men and **women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity** and repealing Directive 86/613/EEC
 - Political agreement in public deliberation
- Proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of **equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation**
 - Progress report

MEETING ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2009 (10:00)

HEALTH ITEMS

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in **cross-border healthcare**
 - Political agreement in public deliberation
- **Innovative incentives for effective antibiotics**
 - Adoption of Council conclusions during public debate
- **Safe and efficient healthcare through eHealth**
 - Adoption of Council conclusions in public debate
- Pharmaceuticals' package:
 - (a) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards the prevention of the entry into the legal supply chain of medicinal products which are **falsified** in relation to their identity, history or source

- (b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards **pharmacovigilance** of medicinal products for human use, Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency

and

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards **pharmacovigilance**, Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use

- Progress reports

- (c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards **information to the general public** on medicinal products for human use subject to medicinal prescription, Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency

and

Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending, as regards **information to the general public** on medicinal products subject to medical prescription, Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use

- Information from the Presidency

➤ **Alcohol and Health**

- Adoption of Council conclusions in public debate

➤ **Pandemic A(H1N1)** – follow-up to the Council meeting (EPSCO) of 12 October 2009 and update on recent developments in the EU and its neighbouring countries

- Information from the Presidency and the Commission
- Exchange of views

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