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The 2998th session of the Council of the European Union - **JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS** - will take place on 25 February 2010 (10.00) and 26 February (09.30), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the chair of **Mr Alfredo PÉREZ RUBALCABA**, Minister for the Interior and **Mr Francisco CAAMAÑO DOMÍNGUEZ**, Minister for Justice of Spain.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

Legislative deliberations

- European protection order
 - Orientation debate
- Directive on rights of interpretation and translation on criminal procedures
 - State of play

Non-legislative activities

- EU Strategy in the field of internal security
 - Public debate*
 - Approval
- Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security (COSI)
 - Presentation by the Presidency
- European Pact Against Drug International Trafficking
- Visa waiver reciprocity and Canada
- Illegal migration on the Southern maritime border of the European Union
- Relations EU-USA
 - Information

- Accession to the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
Public debate
 - Information
- Proposal for a Council Resolution on a Model Agreement for setting up a Joint Investigation Team (JIT)

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In the margins of the Council:

MIXED COMMITTEE

- Adoption of the provisional agenda
- SIS II
 - State of play
- Illegal migration on the Southern maritime border of the European Union
- FRONTEX
 - Draft Regulation amending Regulation 2007/2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union
 - = Presentation
 - Presentation by the Director of Frontex of the Work Programme for 2010 and information concerning certain other related developments

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Press conferences: on 25 February around 13.00 and at the end of the proceedings; on 26 February around 13.00 (tbc).

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