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The 3000th session of the Council of the European Union - **EMPLOYMENT and SOCIAL POLICY** - will take place on 8 March 2010 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the presidency of **Mr Celestino CORBACHO CHAVES**, Spanish minister for Labour and Immigration, and **Ms Bibiana AÍDO ALMAGRO**, Spanish minister for Equality. The meeting will also be attended by **Ms Cristina GARMENDIA MENDIZÁBAL**, Spanish minister for Science and Innovation.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

Prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector

Public deliberation and political agreement on a Council directive implementing a framework agreement concluded by the European social partners

Preparation of the Spring European Council: European strategy for growth and jobs

Exchange of views based on:

- (a) Commission communication on EU 2020 strategy
- (b) Presidency background paper (follow-up to the informal EPSCO meeting)
- (c) Contribution by the Employment Committee and the Social Protection Committee

Adoption of:

- (d) Draft joint employment report 2009/2010
- (e) Draft joint report on social protection and social inclusion 2010

Presentation by the Commission of its report "Equality between women and men, 2010"

Preparation of the Tripartite Social Summit

Information from the presidency

The eradication of violence against women in the European Union

Exchange of views and adoption of Council conclusions

European researchers' mobility and careers

Presentation of conclusions adopted by the COMPETITIVENESS Council *and exchange of views*

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Press conference: *after the end of the session*

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