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The 2847th session of the Council of the European Union - **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** - will take place on 12 February 2007 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Andrej BAJUK**, Minister for Finance of Slovenia.

The following items will be discussed at this session:

- Stability and Convergence Programmes: First series of Member States
 - = Adoption of Council opinions
- Preparation of the European Council (13-14 March 2008)
 - = Contribution to the Spring European Council conclusions: Key Issues Paper
 - Adoption
 - = Efficiency of economic instruments for energy and climate change
 - Council conclusions
 - = Better regulation
 - Exchange of views
- General budget of the European Union
 - = Discharge procedure in respect of the implementation of the budget for 2006
 - Council recommendation

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In the margins of the Council:

Monday 11 February:

15 h.00: Macro-Economic Dialogue with the Social Partners

17 h.00: Eurogroup

Tuesday 12 February

09 h.30: Breakfast on the economic situation

16 h.00: Troika meeting with the EP

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The Presidency will hold a press conference at the end of the session.

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