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The 2856th session of the Council of the European Union - **ENVIRONMENT** - will take place on 3rd March 2008 (09h30) , in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Janez PODOBNIK**, Minister for the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia.

The following points will be discussed at this session:

- Contribution to the Spring European Council (13-14 March 2008)
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
- Climate - Energy Legislative Package (LA)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 175, paragraph 1, of the Treaty)
 - Policy debate
(Public deliberation)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles (LA)
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 95 of the Treaty)
 - Policy debate
(Public deliberation)
- Preparation for the Ninth ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Bonn, 19 to 30 May 2008)
 - Adoption of Council conclusions
- Preparation for the Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP/MOP 4) serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Bonn, 12 to 16 May 2008)
 - Adoption of Council conclusions

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The Presidency will hold a Press Conference at the end of the meeting.

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