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The 2870th session of the Council of the European Union - **EXTERNAL RELATIONS** - will take place on 26 and 27 May 2008, in the Justus Lipsius building, in Brussels, under the Presidency of **Mr Dimitrij Rupel**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

- Western Balkans
- Africa
 - = Somalia
 - = Zimbabwe
- Middle East Peace Process and Lebanon
- WTO/DDA
- Iraq
- Georgia
- ENP

Defence Ministers

- European Defence Agency
 - = Report on the agency's activities
- ESDP operations
 - = Western Balkans (BiH)
 - = Africa
 - EUFOR Tchad/RCA
 - EUSEC RD Congo
 - Guinea Bissau
- Capabilities
 - = Battle Groups

Foreign Ministers and Ministers of Defence (Joint Session)

- ESDP
- Afghanistan
- Children affected by armed conflict

Development Ministers

- Promotion and protection of the rights of the child in the European Union's external action - the development and humanitarian dimensions
- The EU as a global partner for development : speeding up progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Economic Partnership Agreements

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In the margins of GAERC

- EDA Steering Committee
- EU-EEA Council
- EU-Gulf Cooperation Council
- EU-Turkey Association Council
- Cooperation Council with the Republic of Moldova
- Troika EU-Cape Verde

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