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The 2927th session of the Council of the European Union - **JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS** - will take place on 26 and 27 February 2009 (10.00), in the Justus Lipsius Building, Brussels.

On Thursday, 26 February, **Mr. Ivan LANGER, Minister of Interior** of the Czech Republic will chair the Council meeting. On Friday, 27 February (10.00) the Council meeting will take place under the Presidency of **Mr. Jiří POSPÍŠIL, Minister for Justice** of the Czech Republic.

The following points will be discussed at this session :

HOME AFFAIRS (Thursday 26 February)

- SIS II
 - *Council conclusions*

- Proposal for a Regulation establishing a European Asylum Support Office and
Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision 573/2007/CE establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 by removing funding for certain Community actions and altering the limit for funding such actions
 - Presentation by the Commission and first exchange of views
(public deliberation pursuant to Article 8(1)(a))

- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States

- Combating illegal immigration in the Mediterranean
 - Presentation by Italy, Malta, Cyprus and Greece and exchange of views

- Discussion on the situation of the Iraqi refugees

- Draft Council Decision appointing the Director of Europol
= *Adoption*

JUSTICE (Friday 27 February)

- Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on prevention and settlement of conflicts of jurisdiction in criminal proceedings
 - *Orientation debate on selected issues*
- Negotiating mandate for a mutual legal assistance agreement between the European Union and Japan
 - = *Adoption*
- Implementation of the European e-Justice Action Plan
 - *State of play*

In the margins of the Council:

Meeting of the Mixed Committee at Ministerial level - Thursday 26 - 10.00

- SIS II
 - *State of play*
- VIS
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- Schengen evaluation of Switzerland
 - *Information point*

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Press conferences: - *home affairs on Thursday +/- 16.00*
 - *justice items on Friday +/- 13.00.*

Public events that can be followed by video streaming:

<http://video.consilium.europa.eu>
