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ENVIRONMENT
Council meeting
Brussels, 20 December 2004
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**Justus Lipsius Building
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PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ¹

The deliberations concern the following B items (with discussion):

- Regulation on the application of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters to EC institutions and bodies
= *Political agreement*
- Directive on batteries and accumulators and spent batteries and accumulators
= *Political agreement*

and the following A items (without discussion):

- Adoption of a common position of the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the management of bathing water quality and repealing Directive 76/160/EEC

Journalists and general public can follow the debates/deliberations (close circuit TV distribution) at the press centre in 11 languages.

¹ On the basis of the Seville European Council conclusions and of its rules of procedure, the Council holds public deliberations on legislative proposals subject to the co-decision procedure (Parliament - Council) that are due for political agreement or final adoption.