

# European and External Affairs Committee

## Agenda EUR2 03-05

Meeting date: 14 April 2005

Meeting time: 9.00 to 12.30

Meeting venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay

### Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions (9.00 to 9.05)

### Item 2: Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising (9.05 – 09.15)

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| Paper:   | EUR2 02-05 e-min Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2005<br>EUR2 03-05 Action Outstanding |
| Purpose: | To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2005 and consider matters arising         |

### Item 3: First Ministers Report (9.15 – 9.45)

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p1) – First Minister's Report                         |
| Purpose:       | To inform the Committee about developments since its last meeting |
| In attendance: | Gary Davies – European and External Affairs Division              |

### Item 4: First General Assembly in Sumatra (9.45 – 10.05)

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p2) Lake Toba Summit and 1 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD), Sumatra, 10-12 <sup>th</sup> March 2005. |
| Purpose:       | To inform the Committee about the NRG4SG steering group meeting in Sumatra, 9-13 March  |
| In attendance: | Carwyn Jones - Minister for Environment, Planning and Countryside   |

### Item 5: Doha Development Agenda (10.05 – 10.45)

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p4) – WTO Negotiations: Doha Development Agenda (DDA)<br>EUR2 03-05 (p3) – DOHA – Development, Or Hijacking, Agenda?   |
| Purpose:       | To bring the Committee up to date on the progress with the Doha Development Agenda.  |
| In attendance: | Stephen Thomas - Wales Centre for International Affairs<br><br>AndyMcKechnie - Wales Centre for International Affairs<br><br>Steve Davies - European and External Affairs Division |

## **Break 10.45 - 11.00**

### **Item 6: Regional Aid Map (11.00 – 11.20)**

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p5) Review of Regional Aid Guidelines                            |
| Purpose:       | To update the Committee on the recent Multi-lateral meeting on Regional Aid. |
| In attendance: | Rob Halford - Economic Policy Division                                       |

### **Item 7: Working Time Directive (11.20 – 11.40)**

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p6) Update on EU Working Time Directive                      |
| Purpose:       | To bring the Committee up to date on the development with this directive |
| In attendance: | Steve Davies- European and External Affairs Division                     |

### **Item 8: EU Services Directive (11.40 – 12.20)**

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| Paper:         | EUR2 03-05 (p7) – Assessments of the impact of the EU Services Directive on Wales and the UK<br><br>EUR2 03-05 (p8) - Draft report and note for discussion<br><br>EUR2 03-05 (p9) – Information paper from the Alliance of UK Health Regulators on Europe (e-mailed to members on 4 <sup>th</sup> March) |
| Purpose:       | To bring together the conclusions of this directive  |
| In attendance: | Steve Davies- European and External Affairs Division<br><br>Pat Sellers – Director, Services Directive, DTI<br><br>Heinz Kessel – Assistant Director Services Directive, DTI   |

#### Item 9: Update from Members of the Committee of the Regions (12.20- 12.30)

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| Purpose: | To consider the report from the Committee of the Regions and any emerging issues |
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### Papers for Information

EUR2 03-05 (p10) – European proposals deposited in the UK Parliament

EUR2 03-05 (p11) – European Association of Regional and Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning