

# Social Justice and Regeneration Committee

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### Annex B: Members Research and Committee Services' list of relevant proposals expected from the European Commission during 2006

#### From the EC Work Programme

	<b>Title</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
1	Postal services  Proposal for a Directive on an internal market for postal services.  Legislative  2006/MARKT/006	<p>The objective of the proposal is to progress the accomplishment of the internal market for postal services while ensuring the provision of universal postal services for all users, irrespective of their location in the Union. The scope of the proposal will include, if it is appropriate, confirmation of the date of 2009 for the full accomplishment of the postal internal market (i.e. opening of remaining postal monopolies to competition). It may also include measures intended to ensure the provision of universal postal services, the protection of users in conditions of undistorted competition in the market.</p> <p>Estimated date of adoption: November 2006</p>
2	Rights of the Child  Communication on the Rights of the Child  Non-legislative  2006/JLS/022	<p>The Communication intends to set a framework where concrete actions will allow the implementation of the rights of the child within the European Union. Also, the defence of children's rights in the external Policy of the Union will be included.</p> <p>The action plan included in the Communication should help the Union and the Member States to fulfil their obligations vis-à-vis the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>Estimated date of adoption: Quarter 3, 2006</p>

3	<p>Drugs Policy</p> <p>Green Paper on drugs and civil society</p> <p>Non-legislative</p> <p>2006/JLS/007</p>	<p>The aim is to produce a Green paper to provide a framework for working with the civil society in the drugs field at the EU level. Ensure effective implementation of actions n° 3 (1) and 3 (2) of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2005-2008.</p> <p>Estimated date of adoption: June 2006</p>
4	<p>Alcohol-related Harm</p> <p>Commission Communication on an alcohol policy.</p> <p>Non-legislative</p> <p>2005/SANCO/032</p>	<p>Council Conclusions of 5 June 2001 on Community strategy to reduce alcohol-related harm invites the Commission to come forward with measures in this respect. The Council reiterated the invitation on 2 June 2004. The main policy objective is to reduce the health and social harm due to alcohol consumption and contribute to higher productivity and a sustainable economic development in the EU in line with the objectives set out in the Lisbon Strategy.</p> <p>Estimated date of adoption: Quarter 1, 2006</p>