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Reminder: Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Sectoral Committee to meet again in April

The TTE Sectoral Committee is meeting once again on the 21st of April to discuss the "EUROPE 2020" Strategy. The meeting will be a joint sectoral committee meeting with the Environment SC, the Agriculture and Fisheries SC, and the General Affairs SC. Mr. Martin Spiteri and other officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment will be giving out a presentation on the topic.

The communication can be found on:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:2020:FIN:EN:PDF>

COM (2010) 148 - Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Administrative Committee established by the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods on the proposal to amend that Convention with a new Annex on the facilitation of borders crossing procedures for international rail freight

The Harmonisation Convention (The International Convention on the Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods) introduced measures designed to facilitate, and so develop, international trade through the harmonisation (where appropriate) of the various frontier controls that are applied to the movement of goods. However, it appeared subsequently necessary to further rationalise border crossing formalities.

The UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport agreed that the Harmonisation Convention should be revised to include provisions to facilitate the border crossing in the international rail transport. The proposed decision accepts on behalf of the European Union a new Annex to the Harmonization Convention that includes provisions facilitating the border crossing in the international rail transport.

View the full proposal here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0148:FIN:EN:PDF>