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**8th Plenary Meeting
of the Sector Social Dialogue Committee
of the European Chemical Industry**

May 21st 2008, 10h00 – 17h00

Brussels

(Room: Auditorium)

Simultaneous translation during the meeting will be provided for the following languages:
English, French, German, Italian and Polish (active);
Spanish (passive)

Active Chairperson: Simon MARSH (ECEG)
Co-Chairperson: Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF)

A G E N D A

10h00

1) Welcome by the Chairpersons and the EU Commission

**2) Approval of the Agenda;
Approval of the Minutes of the last Plenary Meeting in November 2007**

10h10

- 3) Restructuring, Managing Change, Competitiveness and Employment**
- a. Information on project, presentation of documentation and draft "Joint Lessons Learned" document
Lutz Mühl, ECEG
 - b. Restructuring – a challenge for companies and employees, a view from the EU Commission
N. N., EU Commission
 - c. Discussion
 - d. Adoption and signature of Joint Lessons Learned Document
 - e. Possible follow-up activities of Social Partners
 - i. Special situation of Chemical Industry in EU12 countries
 - ii. Outsourcing and external contractors
 - iii. Others



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11h20

4) Improvement of Health and Safety at the Workplace as Target for Social Dialogue

- a. Information on project and presentation of draft joint conclusions
Reinhard **Reibsch**, EMCEF
- b. Improvements in health and safety – a challenge for Social Partners, a view from the EU Commission / Bilbao agency ?
N. N.
- c. Discussion
- d. Adoption of conclusions
- e. Possible follow-up activities of Social Partners
 - i. Agriculture
 - ii. Personal care / hairdressers
 - iii. Construction
 - iv. Situation, experiences and challenges in EU12 countries

*** LUNCH BREAK 12h30 – 14h00 ***

14h00

5) Education, Training and Lifelong Learning

- a. Report on Working Group activities by Catherine **Beudon** (ECEG – UIC France)
- b. EU Commission studies on sectors' skills needs by N. N. (EU Commission)
- c. Discussion and proposals for next work items

14h45

6) Report on activities in the Working Group on Health and Safety and Responsible Care

- a. Report by N. N.
- b. Discussion and proposals for next work items
 - i. Brochure on RC cooperation between national Social Partners by Jochen **Wilkins** (ECEG – BAVC / VCI Germany)
 - ii. CSR / RC Project 3x3 by Bernhard **Thier** (Cefic)



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15h30

7) Industrial Policy, Competitiveness and Employment

- a. Report on Working Group activities by N. N.
- b. Emissions Trading – presentation of EU Commission proposals by N. N. (EU Commission)
- c. High Level Group Chemical Industry – presentation of activities so far and next steps by N. N. (EU Commission)
- d. Discussion and proposals for next work items

16h30

8) Any other business

End of Meeting
