



# Strasbourg Flash

## Plenary Session Priorities 23-26 March 2009

### Law to get cosmetic lift

Monday, 23 March 2009

EU legislation is being recast to clarify the law and ensure safety of cosmetics, which cover a wide range of products used daily by both men and women.

A limited derogation to a ban on carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic substances is possible, due to knock-on effects on commonly used substances such as ethanol.

Greens are satisfied that their proposal to include nanomaterials - minute substances with often unknown health impacts - in the legislation. This will imply specific requirements for scientific testing and labelling and the need for an approved list of these substances, commonly used in cosmetics.

### G20: Brown in town

Tuesday, 24 March 2009

Gordon Brown takes the stage at the European Parliament plenary session, ahead of the G20 summit on 2 April.

With the UK holding the chair of the G20, MEPs will be closely listening for the British Prime Minister's messages on the future global financial architecture.

It is vital that the G20 sets out a clear position that will not allow a repeat of the mistakes that led to the current financial and economic crisis.

Greens will also be paying close attention to Brown's commitment on social issues, in the wake of weak signals from UK Business Secretary Peter Mandelson in this regard.

### Spanish urbanisation

Wednesday, 25 March 2009

Prompted by a series of petitions signed by thousands of people in Spain, Danish Green Margrete Auken's petitions report is a damning indictment of illegal practices associated with excessive and unchecked urbanisation in Spain.

Developers and local councils have often ridden roughshod over property rights and European Directives on including public procurement and environment protection.

Anxious Spanish MEPs from other political groups have tried to stifle the debate, a task made easier by new EP rules that block debate of own-initiative reports in plenary.

### Greens/EFA Co-Presidents briefing

with **Daniel Cohn-Bendit** and  
**Monica Frassoni**

Tuesday, 24 March, 10.20-10.40  
Press conference room

### Urbanisation in Spain

Press conference  
with petitions committee rapporteur:  
**Margrete Auken**

Wednesday 25 March, 14.00-14.30  
Press conference room

### Also worth watching - Parliamentary reports, debates and resolutions

**Monday, 23 March**

**Mann** and **Martin** EU trade partnership reports on Ivory Coast and CARIFORUM respectively  
**Lehtinen** report on responsibility of companies for subcontractors

**Tuesday, 24 March**

Commission statement on future of the automobile industry  
Joint discussion on cohesion policy  
**Becsey** report on taxes on tobacco  
EIB and EBRD annual reports  
**Ludford** report on biometrics and visas

**Wednesday, 25 March**

**Caspary** report on Turkmenistan

**Thursday, 26 March**

**Ries** report on health concerns regarding electromagnetic waves  
Debates on cases of breaches of human rights

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