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**... this week  
in review**

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## 18 – 24 June 2004

### Headline News

#### **Globalisation & Trade: How to make sure there is space for development? – By Pascal Lamy (22/06/2004)**

In a recent address to students at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said: " ... globalisation currently is a two sided coin: one bright, the other excessively dark. The bright side is important. Globalisation can bring spectacular success – like the 200 million people lifted out of poverty in China since 1990 ... but ... the report by the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation reminds us that globalisation has also brought uncertainty and poverty to other regions – the least developed countries are actually getting poorer, as their modest economic growth has failed to keep pace with population growth. ... For globalisation to work, it has to be sustainable. And in order to be sustainable, it has to be inclusive – economically and socially, and in all our societies.



See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/04/320&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Presidency Declaration on behalf of the EU on closure of Tribune newspaper, Zimbabwe (23/06/2004)**

The European Union condemns the closure of the Tribune newspaper by Zimbabwe's Media and Information Commission (MIC). ... The EU views this action as a further attack on freedom of expression and democratic space in Zimbabwe. This is of particular importance in the context of approaching elections – free press being a necessary prerequisite of a democratic society. The EU calls on the Government of Zimbabwe to respect the freedom of the media and to desist from using repressive legislation, such as the AIPPA, to silence critical voices.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=PESC/04/80&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### Other News

#### **WTO-TRIPS: International Conference on of WTO agreement on intellectual property rights (22/06/2004)**

On 23-24/06/2004 the European Commission is hosting an international conference looking back at the functioning of the WTO agreement on intellectual property rights (TRIPS) and examining prospects for the future. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the TRIPS Agreement that was part of the Marrakech Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation in 1995 at the end of the WTO Uruguay Round. The event brings together a wide spectrum of actors - from industrialists to government representatives, international organisations, NGOs and academics - with an interest in intellectual property world wide. See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/776&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

See also: **The TRIPS agreement 10 years on – Speech by EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy (23/06/2004)**

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/04/327&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

**WTO agreement on intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/04/158&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **EU signs Council of Europe Convention on international animal transport (21/06/2004)**

Following a proposal by the European Commission, the Council adopted a Decision for the European Union to sign the revised European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport. This international Convention will increase the requirements for the protection of transported animals in Europe. It revises the existing Convention adopted in 1968 and introduces major improvements for animal welfare that are consistent with the recent Commission proposal on animal transport and existing EU legislation.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/773&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Industrial property: EC joins international trademark treaty (21/06/2004)**

The European Community is submitted to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in Geneva its instrument of accession to the Madrid Protocol on the international registration of trademarks. It is the first time that the EC as such accedes to a WIPO treaty. This link will allow businesses to benefit from the advantages of the Community Trademark through the Madrid Protocol system and vice-versa, which will simplify procedures, reduce the costs for international protection and make administration easier.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/771&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **EU-US Summit – Revitalising the Transatlantic Partnership (21/06/2004)**

The President of the Commission, Romano Prodi, together with the President-in-office of the European Council, Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, met US President George W. Bush on 26 June at the EU-US Summit in Dromoland Castle, County Clare, Ireland. In the run up to the summit, President Prodi declared: "I am confident that this summit will be an opportunity to revitalise our partnership with the US. This partnership is indispensable not only for the transatlantic community but for the world at large. A reunited Europe will help revitalise the EU-US relationship".

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/770&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

See also: **US-Foreign Sales Corporation - Pascal Lamy welcomes US House of Representatives vote (18.06/2004)**

<http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/769&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **Poul Nielson addresses UN's Population Fund (UNFPA) Special Event Panel Discussion (21/06/2004)**

In an address entitled *Putting People First: Implementing the ICPD Agenda & Achieving the Millennium development Goals*, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Poul Nielson, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Agenda is vital for achieving the



Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Eradicating poverty, promoting gender equality, achieving universal primary education, improved maternal health, reduced child mortality, confronting HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria – is only possible if the ICPD Programme of Action is fully implemented and ODA drastically increased. ...I must say here that I have been extremely dismayed by the actions of the United States in refusing to fund UNFPA and in attempting to undermine the Cairo consensus. ... Current US policy seems to have found some fertile ground in Europe too. In the past few years I have received questions about European support for ICPD."

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/04/316&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### **EU EPICA research project: solving the climate change puzzle? (18/06/2004)**

The European Commission presented the latest results of the EU-funded EPICA (European Ice Core Project in Antarctica) initiative. Scientists from ten European have dug 3 kilometres-deep into the Antarctic ice crust and brought to the surface a 740, 000-year old ice core. It is the oldest ever analysed and records climate history. ... The results will feed into computer models used to predict future climate. Preliminary results show that, without human influence, the present "warm season" in Earth's climate could last for 15 000 years more. But since the present carbon dioxide concentration is the highest in the last 440,000 years, by understanding past changes in climate, it will be possible to forecast future climate change due to human activities. Further results of the EPICA project will be disclosed at the "Palaeoclimate Conference: Reducing the Uncertainties" in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on 06-10/06/2004.

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/04/767&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

**Ahead:**

- **28/06/2004 – EU–Canada Foreign Ministerial Troika**

See: [http://www.ue2004.ie/templates/meeting.asp?sNavlocator=5,418,13&list\\_id=125](http://www.ue2004.ie/templates/meeting.asp?sNavlocator=5,418,13&list_id=125)



- **01/07/2004 – Dutch Presidency begins**

See: [http://www.eu2004.nl/default.asp?CMS\\_ITEM=ACFEA51473FA46B9A02B9F986F6A6DEB2X50629X9](http://www.eu2004.nl/default.asp?CMS_ITEM=ACFEA51473FA46B9A02B9F986F6A6DEB2X50629X9)

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### **Outcomes of Recent Meetings**

#### **Outcome of Agriculture/Fisheries Council of June 2004 (22/06/2004)**

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/04/155&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **IGC – Meeting of Heads of State or Government, Brussels (17-18/06/2004)**

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=DOC/04/3&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Presidency Conclusions: European Council, Brussels (17-18/06/2004)**

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=DOC/04/2&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

#### **Addendum: Presidency Conclusions: European Council, Brussels (17-18/06/2004)**

See: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=DOC/04/4&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>