



**European Union**  
Delegation of the European Commission  
in South Africa

**... this week  
in review**

*This publication seeks to provide information on EU activities of interest to SA readers.*



## 2 – 8 April 2004

### Headline News

#### **Implementation of CAP reform (02/04/2004)**

On 31/03/2004 the Management Committee for Direct Payments successfully concluded its work on two Regulations regarding implementation of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy within the deadline that the Commission had indicated to the Member States. A further step in the process of formalising the important decisions on CAP reform from June 2003 in Luxembourg has thus been taken. The vote is to be reconfirmed in the Management Committee on 14/04/2003. Publication should follow shortly afterwards in all languages. The main outstanding task for the Commission is to process "the second half" of Regulation 3 regarding coupled aids for cereals, beef and sheep meat premia and energy crops.

See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/04/446|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/04/446|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

#### **Declaration by President Prodi to the EC on the 10th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda (07/04/2004)**

"Today, 7 April 2004, marks the 10th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. It is being commemorated in Kigali and the Commission is represented at the ceremonies being held there. I do not want to repeat facts that are well known to you. I just want to say that in those tragic events in Rwanda ten years ago, nearly a million people were brutally murdered, not for what they had done but for what they were. They just happened to belong to another ethnic group or held different ideas ..."

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### Other News

#### **European Union Election Observation Mission deployed to Malawi (05/04/2004)**

The European Union is deploying an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) for the coming Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Malawi, scheduled to take place on 18/05/2004. The deployment of an EU EOM follows an invitation from the Malawian Electoral Commission and is a practical expression of the EU's on-going support for the process of democratisation in Malawi. The elections will represent a significant moment in Malawi's democratic development, where a broad/pluralistic electoral competition is expected to take place, against a backdrop of controversies over consolidation of democratic institutions. See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/04/456|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IP/04/456|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

#### **Countering terrorism - Council updates list of terrorist organisations (05/04/2004)**

The Council decided on 02/04/2004 to update the EU list of terrorist organisations and persons linked to terrorist activities, which was first updated in December 2001 in the wake of the terrorist attacks of 11 September and last updated on 22/12/2003. See: [http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p\\_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IPRES/04/92|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=](http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/questen.ksh?p_action.gettxt=gt&doc=IPRES/04/92|0|RAPID&lg=EN&display=)

See also: [http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2004/l\\_099/l\\_09920040403en00280029.pdf](http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/pri/en/oj/dat/2004/l_099/l_09920040403en00280029.pdf)

#### **Commission allocates €9 million for humanitarian aid operations in Africa (02/04/2004)**

ECHO Flight: €9 million - the ECHO Flight humanitarian transport service offers a vital lifeline for vulnerable people in the Horn of Africa, Eastern Africa and Central Africa, by providing access to places which are difficult or impossible to reach by land. ECHO Flight assists humanitarian and development agencies with the transport of personnel and supplies to remote locations. ECHO Flight regularly delivers aid to people in need, despite being confronted with technical constraints and volatile security situations. The security situation is especially problematic in Somalia.

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#### **Europe and peace – Lecture by President Romano Prodi, University of Ulster (01/04/2004)**

In an address at the University of Ulster Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission, said: "The European Union can be seen in many ways. But to me it is one thing above all others: the fostering and flourishing of peace. We should never forget that the basic reason for the European integration process -- and the European Union -- is peace. That was the overriding objective of our founding fathers: Jean Monnet said that building Europe meant building peace. You cannot be clearer than that. ..."

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**Presidency Declaration on behalf of the EU on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (30/03/2004)**

The European Union expresses its deep concern at the incidents which occurred during the night of 28/03/2004 in Kinshasa. The European Union would encourage the Congolese leaders, the Transition Institutions and the Congolese people to remain calm and to continue their commitment to the Transition dynamic as provided for in the All-Inclusive Agreement of 17/12/2002 and the Final Act of the Intercongolese Dialogue signed on 2 April 2003.

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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on Gambella, Ethiopia (25/03/2004)**

The EU wishes to express its concern at the sporadic but persistent outbreaks of extreme violence in the Gambella Region of Ethiopia which have resulted in hundreds of deaths over recent months. While noting the actions taken by the Government of Ethiopia to stabilise the area, the European Union emphasises the need for government security forces and military to act in an impartial and lawful manner if tensions between the various ethnic groups in the region are to be reduced. The European Union calls for a public and independent enquiry into suggestions of involvement by members of the Ethiopian military in violence directed against innocent civilians.

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**Outcomes of recent Council Meetings**

**2572nd Council meeting - External Relations – Brussels (22/03/2004)**

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**2573rd Council meeting - Agriculture and Fisheries - Brussels, (22-23/03/2004)**

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