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PRESS BRIEFING

Informal meeting of Ministers of Defence (Luxembourg, 18 March 2005)

On Thursday 17 March 2005 at 11:30 am a Press Briefing will take place, in Brussels, on the occasion of the Informal meeting of Defence Ministers in Luxembourg (18 March 2005).

The Briefing will be conducted by Senior Officials of the EU Council.

Meeting place: "Europa" Conference Room (level 01),
EU Council, "Justus Lipsius" Building,
175 rue de la Loi, Brussels

On 18 March 2005, the Defence Ministers of the European Union will hold an informal meeting in Luxembourg. The subjects on the agenda will include:

- Situation in the Western Balkans and operation Althea,
- Military capabilities, including battlegroups,
- The contribution of ESDP in the fight against terrorism,
- Follow-up of the natural disaster in SE Asia.

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