Social cohesion: poverty and social exclusion, joint report on social inclusion

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The Council heard a progress report from the Chairman of the Social Protection Committee (SPC), Mr Raoul Briet, on the committee' s work concerning the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Union. The report focused on the work currently being undertaken by the SPC on the revision of objectives in view of the drawing -up of the second round of National Action Plans on Social Inclusion due to be submitted by the Member States in the Spring/Summer of 2003. A revision of the common objectives is expected to be agreed in time for the Copenhagen European Council on 12-13 December 2002.