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## **Main Results of the Council**

*The Council adopted:*

- *a Decision implementing Common Position 2006/276/CFSP concerning **restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus**;*
- *a Regulation on **medicinal products for paediatric use**;*
- *a Directive laying down technical requirements for **inland waterway vessels**;*
- *a Regulation on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of **civil aviation**.*

*It approved a cooperation agreement between Eurojust and the United States of America.*

*Furthermore, the Council reached political agreement on a draft Directive on ambient **air quality and cleaner air for Europe**.*

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**COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY**

**Belarus - Restrictive measures**

The Council adopted a Decision implementing Common Position 2006/276/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus (13348/06).

The Decision incorporates, in the light of recent developments in Belarus, four additional names to the EU's list of persons affected by restrictive measures (visa ban and assets freeze), considered responsible for the crackdown on civil society and democratic opposition in Belarus.

The Council adopted last April Common Position 2006/276/CFSP, which expanded restrictive measures in place since 2004 to persons, including President Lukashenko, responsible for, or associated with, the violations of international electoral standards in the March 2006 presidential elections in Belarus and the crackdown on civil society and democratic opposition. In May, the Council amended the Common Position in order to impose a freezing of economic resources on those persons, entities or bodies.

The persons added to the list are Rybakov Alexei, judge of the Minsk Moskovsky District Court; Bortnik Sergei Aleksandrovich, public prosecutor; Yasinovich Leonid Stanislavovich, judge of the Minsk Tsentralny District Court; Migun Andrei Arkadevich, public prosecutor.