

8- An extract of the presidency conclusions: Dublin European Council,

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PRESIDENCY CONCLUSIONS

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The Commission informed the European Council on its progress on the opinions and other reports related to enlargement as requested of it at Madrid. The European Council welcomes the assurance given by the Commission that these documents as well as the communication on the future financial framework of the Union will be available immediately after the conclusion of the Intergovernmental Conference. It confirms the timetable for the enlargement process as set at its Madrid meeting. The European Council takes note of the Council's report on the implementation of the pre-accession strategy in the second half of this year. It also notes the Commission's endeavours to strengthen the present implementation of this strategy. Moreover it welcomes the Commission's intention to present proposals for an overall reinforcement of the pre-accession strategy together with its opinions and other reports under preparation.

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