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### EUROPEAN SOCIAL PARTNERS FINALISE NEGOTIATIONS ON A WORK PROGRAMME 2006-2008

Today, the negotiation teams of UNICE/UEAPME, CEEP and ETUC agreed on a proposal for a work programme 2006-2008. This text will now be sent to each organisation's decision-making body for final adoption before the Tripartite Social Summit on 23 March 2006.

The aim of this second EU social dialogue work programme 2006-2008 is to contribute to and promote growth, jobs and modernisation of the EU social model.

The proposal for an autonomous work programme 2006-2008 builds on the achievements of the first EU social dialogue multi-annual work programme, concluded for the period 2003-2005.

The European Social Partners believe that their new work programme should focus on Europe's major economic and social challenges, in order to ensure that the social dialogue at European level deals with the main concerns of Europe's workers and employers. They will use a variety of tools in order to realise it.

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