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Taking on the challenge

Presentation of Swedish Presidency priorities

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”The European Union is facing a crucial period. Together we must deal with the economic crises and unemployment, but also unite the world to tackle climate change.”

Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt



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”Our ambition is to achieve results on a wide range of issues with the whole of Europe’s best interests in mind. “

EU Affairs Minister Cecilia Malmström



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Vision for the second half of 2009

- **An open, responsive and results-oriented Presidency**
- **A strong and effective EU – responding together to meet short and long-term challenges**



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Institutional issues

- **The European Parliament**
- **The European Commission**
- **The Lisbon Treaty**



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Two main priorities

- **Economy and employment**
 - the EU should emerge from the economic crises in a stronger position
- **Climate change**
 - the EU will work for a global response to the climate threat, and shoulder its share of the burden



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Other important priorities

- **The Stockholm Programme**
 - Meeting the needs of a Europe without borders, while safeguarding the rights of the individuals
- **The Baltic Sea Strategy**
 - A more competitive region able to tackle a common environmental challenge
- **The EU, its neighbourhood and the world**
 - Strengthen the EU's role as a global actor
 - Continued enlargement process



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Economic crisis

- **Follow up agreed measures, preparedness to take new initiatives**
- **Strengthened supervisory framework for financial markets in Europe**
- **The labour market: limit unemployment, reduce exclusion, return people to work**
- **The longer term : strategy for long-term growth and job creation (the next Lisbon Strategy)**



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Climate agreement

- **International climate agreement in Copenhagen**
- **Development of EU policy and EU positions**
- **Continued EU unity**



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Stockholm Programme

- **A new strategic work program within the Justice and Home Affairs area**
- **Combating cross-border crime**
- **Guarantee the rights of the individual**
- **Asylum and migration policy**



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EU Baltic Sea Strategy

- **A pilot project to develop macro regional cooperation within the EU**
- **Harness EU initiatives, policy instruments and resources more effectively**
- **Improve growth potential in the Baltic Sea Region**
- **Tackle Baltic Sea environmental challenges**
- **Joint measures to counteract cross border crime**



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EU, its neighbourhood and the world

- **Strengthened cooperation for a stronger political role in the world**
- **Ready for the unexpected – the EU's crisis management capabilities**
- **A continued enlargement process**
- **Relations with neighbouring countries**
- **Development policy**
- **Trade policy**
- **Summits with third countries**



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