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  • Competition vs. Social security
  • Service directive

• Research and Development
  • 3% action plan
  • 7th Framework Programme
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- Stabilisation and Association Agreements
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  • Latin America Summit, May 2006
  • Human Rights
  • Middle East – Iran, Iraq
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