Poland takes over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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<u>COM (2009) 154</u> [2]

<u>COM (2010) 748</u> [3]

<u>COM (2011) 445</u> [4]

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