

# Merkel plans to shape the future of Europe

Chancellor Angela Merkel plans to use Germany's six-month presidency of the EU to lay a foundation for Europe's future. Her vision includes more co-operation on security and trade, tackling global warming, and making Africa a priority, but would impose stricter rules on further expansion

■ **Expansion:** Door likely to be slammed after **Romania** and **Bulgaria** join in 2007

■ Hoping to join EU

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- 1 Turkey
  - 2 Ukraine
  - 3 Georgia
  - 4 Moldova
  - 5 Serbia
  - 6 Croatia
  - 7 Bosnia & Herzegovina
  - 8 Montenegro
  - 9 Albania
  - 10 Macedonia



■ **Security:** Member states and citizens must cut bureaucracy and work together to combat terrorism, extremism and general crime

■ **Economy:** EU and Commission should do more to solve dysfunctional internal market and create more jobs

■ **Globalisation:** EU should help liberalize world trade. Germany to make African development a priority

■ **Institutional reform:** **Berlin Declaration** to revive debate over reform – win confidence of EU citizens

■ **Common values:** Push for social programmes in Europe rather than pure economic success

■ **Constitution:** Merkel has pledged to revive virtually dead EU constitution. Wants treaty to clarify which responsibilities belong to Europe, and which to nation states

■ **Climate change:** EU should promote bold new post-Kyoto policies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases

■ **Middle East:** Restart stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process