

French priorities for EU presidency

■ **Lisbon Treaty crisis:** Following Irish “No” vote, Germany and Czech Republic have both delayed ratification and Polish President **Lech Kaczynski** insists it is pointless to sign treaty. **No deal likely during French presidency**

■ **World Trade Organization talks:** French President **Nicolas Sarkozy** claims farm import tariff cuts – that EU trade chief **Peter Mandelson** (inset) is offering in return for better access for EU exporters in third world markets – would lead to massive loss of French farm jobs. **Sarkozy has called for emergency meeting of EU ministers to reign in Mandelson**



■ **Energy, climate change:** Ambitious plan to get EU leaders to agree targets to cut CO₂ emissions and boost renewable energy use by end of six-month presidency

■ **Defence:** Plan for more integrated EU defence policy. Opposed by Britain. Ireland insists on keeping its neutrality

■ **Food and fuel prices:** Continue subsidies for EU farmers and cut VAT for fuel-users. Some 43 billion EUR – 40% of EU budget – goes toward Common Agricultural Policy. French farmers receive largest share

■ **Immigration:** EU-wide pact and crackdown on illegal immigration