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It provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- applicable voting rules, voting results and, where appropriate, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure, there may be a difference between the date of the Council's meeting where the legislative act is adopted and the actual date of the act in question, since legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure are only considered to have been adopted after signature by both the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament and the Secretaries-General of the two institutions.

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**INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Written procedure completed on 12 September 2016**

LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Council Decision of 12 September 2016 adopting the Council's position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2017 OJ C 336, 13.9.2016, p. 1–1	11166/16 + ADD1 to 6	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour; except: Abstention: UK

**Council statement on the presentation of the Commission's statement of estimates for 2017**

The Council recalls the pragmatic calendar agreed between the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission during their trilogue on 14 March 2016 setting the dates for the budgetary procedure for 2017. This pragmatic calendar is an essential element for the improvement of the functioning of the budgetary procedure and contributes to ensuring a timely adoption of the budget, in keeping with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management.

An early presentation of the statement of estimates by the Commission is important in order to allow enough time for the Council to undertake a detailed technical analysis of the estimates transmitted, to maintain a balance in respect of the time available for each institution and ensure that the timings set out in the pragmatic calendar are maintained.

The Council calls on the Commission to ensure a timely presentation of the statement of estimates for the budget in future years in line with the good practice established in the previous years and in keeping with the aim of the Interinstitutional Agreement to ensure the proper functioning of the annual budgetary procedure.

### **Council statement on payment appropriations**

The Council will carefully examine the letter of amendment for agriculture (including information on assigned revenue) in order to appropriately assess the level of resources under heading 2 (Sustainable growth: natural resources) in the 2017 budget.

The Council calls on the Commission to continue closely scrutinizing the implementation of the 2014-2020 programmes. To that end, it invites the Commission to present in a timely manner updated figures concerning the state of affairs and estimates regarding 2017 payment appropriations with a view to allowing the budgetary authority to take any necessary decisions in due time for justified needs.

### **Council statement on the 5 % staff reduction**

The Council recalls the agreement reached between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to progressively render 5 % of the staff as in the establishment plan on 1 January 2013, to be applied to all institutions, bodies and agencies and to be effected between 2013 and 2017, as inscribed in Point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 2 December 2013 on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management.

The Council takes note of the Commission's monitoring of the progress towards the 5 % staff reduction target achieved to date by the institutions, as presented in the table in Appendix 1. It invites the Commission to provide also comparable global data for decentralised and executive agencies in that presentation.

The Council recalls that the target year for the full implementation of the 5 % reduction of staff is 2017. It is highly dissatisfied that not all institutions, bodies and agencies will achieve the implementation of the 5 % staff reduction in time by the end of 2017 and insists that appropriate follow-up measures be taken immediately to take stock of the situation with a view to ensuring that all efforts are deployed to avoid any additional delays in implementing the 5 % staff reduction target for all institutions, bodies and agencies.

The Council also underlines the importance of monitoring closely the appropriations for all categories of external staff, against the backdrop of the additional capacity built up by the increase of working time to 40 hours per week. It welcomes the Commission's overview of consolidated data on all external staff employed by the institutions, presented in Appendix 2, in line with point (b) of Article 38(3) of the Financial Regulation. It invites the Commission to continue providing this information to the budgetary authority when presenting its draft budgets for future years.

The Council underlines that achieving the 5 % staff reduction target should contribute to savings in the institutions' administrative expenditure. With that in mind, it invites the Commission to start assessing the outcome of the exercise in order to draw lessons for the future.

Establishment plan posts – All institutions											
Evolution to date vis-à-vis the -5 % reduction target over 5 years 2013-2017											
Institutions	2012 budget <sup>1</sup>	2013-2017 reduction target -5 %	Annual reference target <sup>2</sup> -1 %	Posts reduction implementation <sup>3</sup>						Remaining distance to - 5 % target	
				2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	Posts	% points
European Parliament <sup>5,6</sup>	5 623	-281	-56	-	-37	-47	-18	-	-102	179	3,2%
European Council and Council	3 136	-157	-31	-46	-42	-22	-32	-15	-157	-	0,0%
Commission	25 073	-1 254	-251	-250	-250	-263	-252	-239	-1 254	-	0,0%
Court of Justice of the European Union	1 952	-98	-20	-20	-20	-7	-13	-19	-79	19	1,0%
European Court of Auditors	885	-44	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-9	-45	-1	-0,1%
European Economic and Social Committee	673	-34	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-6	-34	-	0,0%
Committee of the Regions	492	-25	-5	-	-5	-5	-7	-9	-26	-1	-0,2%
European Ombudsman	64	-3 <sup>4</sup>	-1	-	-	-1	-1	-1	-3	-	0,0%
European Data-Protection Supervisor	43	-2 <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-1	-1	-	-2	-	0,0%
European External Action Service <sup>7</sup>	1 679	-84	-17	-	-17	-17	-17	-17	-68	16	1,0%
<b>Total institutions</b>	<b>39 620</b>	<b>-1 982</b>	<b>-397</b>	<b>-332</b>	<b>-387</b>	<b>-379</b>	<b>-357</b>	<b>-315</b>	<b>-1 770</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>0,5%</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Authorised 2012 posts excluding Croatia enlargement (140 posts) and EP political groups (1 015 posts) with the following adjustments:
- 80 posts were added to the EP and deducted from the EESC (-48) and from the CoR (-32) in order to reflect the impact of the cooperation agreement signed on 5 February 2014 between those institutions.
  - 10 posts were transferred from the Council to the EEAS in 2014.
  - 2 posts were transferred from the EEAS to the Commission (PMO) in 2014.
  - 1 post was transferred from the Court of Auditors to the Commission (PMO) in 2015.
  - 1 post was transferred from the Council to the EEAS in 2015.
  - 6 posts were transferred from the Council to the Commission (PMO) in 2015.
  - 2 posts were transferred from the EP to the Commission in 2016.
  - 1 post was transferred from the Court of Auditors to the Commission in 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> Linear projection over 5 years at 1 % per year, rounded figures.
- <sup>3</sup> Sources: authorised budgets 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (including amending and/or draft amending budgets), and 2017 draft budget.
- <sup>4</sup> By the end of 2017, the European Ombudsman and the European Data Protection Supervisor are expected to reduce their posts by 3 and 2 respectively.
- <sup>5</sup> The reduction target for the EP is based on the 2014 budget (excluding posts relating to political groups); as stipulated in the EP's statement on the application of Point 27 of the Interinstitutional Agreement (*see budget 2016 Joint Conclusions*). The EP committed itself to continuing the reduction of the total number of posts in its establishment plan and to completing it by 2019 (reduction of 60 posts in 2017 and 2018 respectively, reduction of 59 posts in 2019); in its statement of estimates the EP commits itself to applying the cut of 60 posts in 2017 during its reading of the 2017 draft budget.
- <sup>6</sup> For the EP, column "2016" excludes 35 posts requested in DAB No 3/2016. The EP will need to confirm its intention to maintain these posts during its reading of the 2017 DB.
- <sup>7</sup> The EEAS has committed itself to applying the last tranche of the 5 % staff reduction (equivalent to 16 posts) in 2018.

## Evolution of external staff in all institutions 2012 - 2017

Institution	B2012		B2013		B2014		B2015		B2016 (incl. DAB3/2016)		DB2017		Evolution 2017 / 2016			Evolution 2017 / 2012		
	€(mn)	FTE	€(mn)	FTE	€(mn)	FTE	€(mn)	FTE	€(mn)	FTE	€	FTE	€	FTE	%	€	FTE	%
European Parliament	220,9	6.675	217,7	6.854	231,0	7.515	237,3	7.253	257,6	7.672	265,7	7.718	3,1%	46	0,6%	20,3%	1.043	15,6%
European Council and Council	8,9	220	10,7	240	9,9	234	10,2	234	10,2	234	10,8	234	5,4%	0	0,0%	21,4%	14	6,4%
Commission	452,6	8.570	455,5	8.412	448,9	8.313	449,2	8.162	454,1	8.040	462,0	7.928	1,7%	-112	-1,4%	2,1%	-642	-7,5%
Court of Justice of the European Union	5,2	142	6,1	158	6,2	163	6,4	156	6,7	162	7,7	176	15,3%	14	8,3%	49,7%	34	24,0%
European Court of Auditors	3,5	77	3,5	74	3,4	69	3,5	71	3,9	77	4,2	80	7,2%	3	3,9%	19,7%	3	4,0%
European Economic and Social Committee	2,7	51	2,7	50	2,5	47	2,6	47	2,6	45	2,6	47	3,6%	2	3,7%	-2,5%	-4	-7,4%
Committee of the Regions	2,6	88	2,6	88	2,5	88	2,5	55	2,7	59	2,9	58	6,7%	-1	-2,1%	10,8%	-30	-34,0%
European Ombudsman	0,2	4	0,3	6	0,4	9	0,5	10	0,5	12	0,7	15	42,4%	3	22,9%	247,0%	11	262,5%
European Data-Protection Supervisor	0,3	7	0,4	8	0,4	8	0,4	9	0,6	12	0,9	16	38,5%	4	33,5%	178,5%	9	129,9%
European External Action Service	79,2	1.816	83,1	1.853	80,6	1.894	81,3	1.828	86,3	1.764	89,5	1.809	3,7%	45	2,5%	13,1%	-7	-0,4%
<b>Total institutions</b>	<b>776,1</b>	<b>17.649</b>	<b>782,6</b>	<b>17.743</b>	<b>785,7</b>	<b>18.338</b>	<b>793,8</b>	<b>17.825</b>	<b>825,3</b>	<b>18.077</b>	<b>847,0</b>	<b>18.080</b>	<b>4,0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,4%</b>	<b>9,1%</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>2,4%</b>

Commission: all headings, excluding Executive Agencies

### Unilateral statement of Cyprus, France, Greece and Italy

In a context where youth unemployment remains at a high level in many Member States of the European Union, and the priority given to the young by the Heads of State or Government, Cyprus, France, Greece and Italy wish to reiterate their support for the extension of the youth employment initiative from 2017 and until 2020, in compliance with the current multiannual financial framework.

<b>Written procedures completed on 14 September 2016</b>			
LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Regulation (EU) 2016/1626 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p. 80–82	32/16	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour; except: Abstention: UK
<b>Statement by the United Kingdom</b> The United Kingdom considers that these proposals contain Justice and Home Affairs obligations and therefore, being measures proposed pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, are subject to Protocol (No. 21) to the Treaties on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.			
Regulation (EU) 2016/1625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing a European Maritime Safety Agency (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p. 77–79	31/16	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour; except: Abstention: UK
<b>Statement by the United Kingdom</b> The United Kingdom considers that these proposals contain Justice and Home Affairs obligations and therefore, being measures proposed pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, are subject to Protocol (No. 21) to the Treaties on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice.			

<p>Regulation (EU) 2016/1624 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 on the European Border and Coast Guard and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 and Council Decision 2005/267/EC OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p. 1–76</p>	<p>29/16</p>	<p>Qualified majority</p>	<p>All Member States in favour; except: Not participating: UK, IE and DK</p>
<p><b>Statement by Romania</b></p> <p>Concerning recital (60), Romania emphasizes that any interpretation of the concept of "external borders" should cover the borders of the Member States listed in Article 52 TEU and in Article 1 of Protocol 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union, with third countries.</p> <p>The same applies for the definition included in article 2 para.1 of the proposal, in reference to article 2 point 2 of Regulation no. 399/2016 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code).</p>			
<p><b>Statement by Greece</b></p> <p>With reference to Article 19 par.1(b), taking into account that there may be various justifiable reasons of why a request for support may not be sufficient, Greece would wish that a consultation of the Agency with the Member State concerned – including on the kind of support that would render the request sufficient – takes place before the adoption of an implementing act by the Council.</p> <p>Regarding the implementation of Article 42 par.4, Greece considers that Home Member States will remain fully committed in applying Article 273 TFEU in good faith and that the special agreement foreseen in Article 273 TFEU is already provided.</p> <p>As far as Article 72 par.2 is concerned, Greece understands that any representation provided, as mentioned in this paragraph, should be in accordance with its national law.</p> <p>As far as Article 72 par. 5 is concerned, Greece considers that the procedure foreseen in this paragraph is taking into account all considerations without the need of further options.</p>			



### **Statement by Croatia**

Regarding Recital 60, following discussions within the Council and based on the opinion of the Council Legal Service, Croatia considers the references to Title II of Regulation (EU) No 2016/399 as well as to the Protocol 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union apply to Croatia.

### **Statements by Germany**

1. With regard to Article 56(3) of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EU) No 2007/2004, Regulation (EU) No 863/2007 and Council Decision 2005/267/EU, Germany recalls paragraph 8 of the Joint Statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies according to which the host State should commit itself to [continue to] respond to the agency's needs and provide the necessary conditions for the smooth operation of the agency[, also after the latter has been set up]. Germany considers itself bound by this, so its agreement to the current wording should therefore not be seen as a precedent for the future foundation of (new) agencies, and it would ask the Commission to take this into account in the future when preparing comparable proposals.

2. The Federal Government continues not to share the Commission's view that Article 8(6) of Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third country nationals (the 'Return Directive') requires (explicit) transposition into German law. Germany already has an effective forced return monitoring system. Administrative and technical monitoring of forced returns may also be carried out by the immigration authorities, the federal and state police forces, as well as through judicial review by independent courts.

The wording of Article 8(6) of the Return Directive was intentionally broad, and nothing within those provisions obliges Member States to establish an independent monitoring body. Had that been the intention when drafting the Directive, the text could have included such an additional provision.

As the Commission itself stated in its letter of 16 October 2014, the essential feature of forced return monitoring arrangements is examination by third parties that are not directly involved in the return process. This applies at least to judicial review of forced returns. Moreover, Article 8(6) refers to 'forced return monitoring', not forced return 'observation'. Therefore, monitoring may also take place by the courts after the event, for example following an appeal.

In addition to judicial and administrative review, various non governmental and church organisations keep a watch on removals and forced returns at key German airports on a voluntary basis. While Germany's authorities basically welcome these organisations' committed involvement in this area, there is no obligation to facilitate such activities, nor is it necessary given the existing monitoring options described above.

<b>Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's Second Reading (Strasbourg, 12 to 15 September 2016)</b>			
LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 118–176	37/16 12128/16	Not applicable	Not applicable
Regulation (EU) 2016/1724 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 266, 30.9.2016, p. 1–6	36/16 12129/16	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Written procedure completed on 15 September 2016</b>			
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS		
Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1671 of 15 September 2016 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 249, 16.9.2016, p. 39–57	11796/16		
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1661 of 15 September 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine OJ L 249, 16.9.2016, p. 1–19	11798/16		

**3484th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 20 September 2016**

## LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, as regards the secretariat of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)	25/16	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

## NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1707 of 20 September 2016 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Eesti Pank OJ L 257, 23.9.2016, p. 13–14	11492/16
Council Recommendation of 20 September 2016 on the establishment of National Productivity Boards OJ C 349, 24.9.2016, p. 1–4	10252/16

**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission welcomes the adoption by the Council of the recommendation for euro area countries to set up National Productivity Boards.

The Commission strongly supports the participation of boards from non-euro area countries in all aspects of the cooperation related to the productivity boards. In its role as facilitator of exchanges of views and mutual learning, the Commission will ensure that such exchanges will take place on an equal basis for all participating boards.

Decision (EU) 2016/1856 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 October 2016 on the mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece OJ L 284, 20.10.2016, p. 21–22	11931/16
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Council Decision (EU) 2016/1751 of 20 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Amending Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Principality of Andorra providing for measures equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments OJ L 268, 1.10.2016, p. 38–39	15509/15
Amending Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Principality of Andorra providing for measures equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments OJ L 268, 1.10.2016, p. 40–76	15510/15
Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation of Liechtenstein on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	11216/16
Council Implementing Decision setting out a Recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2015 evaluation on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return by Germany	11704/16
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1966 of 20 September 2016 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIX (Consumer protection) to the EEA Agreement (Alternative Dispute Settlement System) OJ L 303, 10.11.2016, p. 16–20	10597/16
Recommendation to the Council concerning an interim approval of cryptographic products to protect links in the framework of EU NAVFOR MED	11737/16
Recommendation to the Council concerning the use of cryptographic products to protect electronic links in the context of the GALILEO project	11891/16
Council Conclusions on the application of Bosnia and Herzegovina for membership of the European Union	12415/16

Council Decision (EU) 2016/1743 of 20 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Colombia on the short-stay visa waiver OJ L 264, 30.9.2016, p. 25–26	12095/15
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1741 of 20 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Palau on the short-stay visa waiver OJ L 264, 30.9.2016, p. 21–22	12080/15
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1744 of 20 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Peru on the short-stay visa waiver OJ L 264, 30.9.2016, p. 27–28	12099/15
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1742 of 20 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Tonga on the short-stay visa waiver OJ L 264, 30.9.2016, p. 23–24	12089/15
Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 of 20 September 2016 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them and repealing Common Position 2002/402/CFSP OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 25–32	10265/16
Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 of 20 September 2016 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 1–11	11140/16

Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/1694 of 20 September 2016 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 33–34	11389/16
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1752 of 30 September 2016 implementing Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 268, 1.10.2016, p. 77–79	11391/16
Council Conclusions on the eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020	12359/16
Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Union with regard to certain proposals submitted to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 17) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), (Johannesburg, South Africa, 24 September – 5 October 2016)	11676/16
Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on certain aspects of air services	11260/16
Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on certain aspects of air services	11261/16
<p><b>Statement by the Commission</b></p> <p>The Commission takes note that an agreement was reached in the Council on Article 2 of the proposal for a Council decision.</p> <p>The Commission recalls its views that the signature of an international agreement is an act of external representation of the Union, which the Commission is entrusted to do in line with Article 17(1) TEU.</p>	

<b>Written procedures completed on 27 September 2016</b>			
NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS		
Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1711 of 27 September 2016 amending Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism OJ L 259I , 27.9.2016, p. 3–3	12317/16		
Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1710 of 27 September 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism OJ L 259I , 27.9.2016, p. 1–2	12318/16		
<b>3485th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (<u>INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE</u>)) held in Brussels on 29 September 2016</b>			
LEGISLATIVE ACTS			
ACT	DOCUMENT	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Position (EU) No 17/2016 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008 establishing a long-term plan for cod stocks and the fisheries exploiting those stocks Adopted by the Council on 29 September 2016 OJ C 395, 26.10.2016, p. 1–4	11309/16	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS	
ACT	DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1764 of 29 September 2016 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the EU-ICAO Joint Committee on the Decision on the adoption of an annex on Air Traffic Management to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation OJ L 269, 4.10.2016, p. 14–19	12430/16
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1880 of 29 September 2016 on the conclusion of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China OJ L 289, 25.10.2016, p. 13–14	5255/2/14
Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, as regards the proposal to amend the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets	8463/16
Council Decision (EU) 2016/1795 of 29 September 2016 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to the amendments to the Annexes to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and to the Annexed Regulations to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) OJ L 274, 11.10.2016, p. 52–54	11844/16
Decision (EU) 2016/1857 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 October 2016 on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (following an application from Finland - EGF/2016/001 FI/Microsoft) OJ L 284, 20.10.2016, p. 23–24	12092/16



Decision (EU) 2016/1858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 October 2016 on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (following an application from Sweden - EGF/2016/002 SE/Ericsson) OJ L 284, 20.10.2016, p. 25–26	12094/16
Council Decision (EU) 2016/2117 of 29 September 2016 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, of the other part OJ L 329, 3.12.2016, p. 6–7	5432/15
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<p><b>Statement by Romania</b></p> <p>Romania underlines the importance of the Framework Agreement in consolidating and deepening the political dialogue and cooperation in various fields of mutual interest between the European Union and Australia.</p> <p>Romania recalls the EEAS' commitment to raise at the level of the Joint Committee to be established by the Agreement, aspects of particular interest highlighted by several Member States during the negotiation process of the Agreement, among which the importance of ensuring full visa reciprocity, as highlighted by Romania.</p> <p>We underline that this issue remains a priority and a matter of concern for Romania, considering that Australia continues to apply a different treatment for Romanian citizens in the process of visa granting, translated into a significantly lower rate of autogrant visa in the case of Romanian citizens compared to the other EU citizens.</p> <p>We expect the EEAS to raise our concerns within the Joint Committee after the signing of the Agreement and inform us accordingly on the outcome of the discussions.</p>	
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