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ADDENDUM TO THE SUMMARY RECORD

**Subject : 2320th meeting of the PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE
held in Brussels on 19 and 21 May 2010**

(Coreper Part 2, under I)

9. Enlargement

- (a) Accession negotiations with Croatia**
 - = Chapter 16: Taxation**
 - 9752/10 ELARG 35**

The SI delegation made the following statement on the above-mentioned item:

**"STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SLOVENIA IN THE ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION**

On the basis of the commitments made by the Republic of Croatia in the letter by the Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor of 11 September 2009 addressed to the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and with the understanding that negotiations on the border dispute between Slovenia and Croatia will continue simultaneously with the Intergovernmental Conference, as derives from the letter of the Presidency of the EU Council of 15 September, Slovenia consents to the provisional closing of Chapter 16 – Taxation.

The above commitments refer to Croatia's declaration that no document in its accession negotiations with the European Union can prejudice the final resolution of the border dispute between Slovenia and Croatia. This applies to all documents and positions either written or submitted orally, including, *inter alia*, maps, negotiating positions, legal acts and other documents in whatever form, produced, presented or referred to by the Republic of Croatia in the framework of the EU accession negotiations. It also applies to all EU documents and positions which refer to or summarise the mentioned documents and positions. With regard to the border dispute, Croatia has agreed that 25 June 1991 presents the basis for the resolution of the border dispute and that no document or action undertaken unilaterally after that date shall be accorded legal significance for the tasks of any arbitral tribunal, which will be entitled by Slovenia and Croatia to resolve the border dispute between the two countries, or any other procedure relating to the settlement of this dispute, and cannot, in any way, prejudice the outcome of the process.

The resolution or the way of resolution of the border dispute will be pursued through the continuation of the talks between Slovenia and Croatia facilitated by the European Union, with the understanding that the dispute must be settled with the entry into force of a border agreement or arbitration agreement before the accession of Croatia to the European Union. In this way, Croatia would fulfil one of the key priorities expressed in the Accession Partnership (Council Decision 2008/119/EC).

Slovenia will monitor the implementation of the agreement between the Slovenian and Croatian Prime Ministers reached on 11 September in Ljubljana, in negotiations on chapter 31 – Foreign, security and defence policy, with respect to Croatia's commitment to the principle of good neighbourly relations. Slovenia's further positions in the accession negotiations with Croatia will be based on Croatia's fulfilling its commitments."

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