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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in June 2000. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council decided to make public (**Annex II**). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, as well as explanations of voting.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question, and the information contained in Annexes I and II hereto, are available to the public on the Internet at the "Eudor" website (<http://www.eudor.com> – see "Transparency of the Council's legislative activities").

- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in June 2000, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

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

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2270th Council (Education) on 8 June 2000			
Council Regulation amending for the fifth time Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms	5987/00 + COR 1 (fr,de,it,da,es,fi,sv)		
Council Regulation laying down certain control measures in respect of vessels flying the flag of non-Contracting Parties to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)	5986/00		
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Languages 2001	PE-CONS 3623/00 + COR 1 (fr) + COR 2 (it,nl,en)	56/00	
Council Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation(EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff	8570/00		
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products	8569/00		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTE AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
2271st Council (Foreign Affairs) on 13 June 2000 Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on development cooperation with South Africa Council approval of amendments made by the European Parliament at second reading	Ref. doc PE-CONS 3636/00	57/00, 58/00		
2273rd Council (Fisheries) on 13 June 2000 Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer	PE-CONS 3613/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 REV 1 (fi)			
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the taking up, pursuit and prudential supervision of the business of electronic money institutions Approval of amendments in the second reading by the European Parliament to the Council's common position	Ref. docs 8793/00 PE-CONS 3628/00	59/00	Against: EL	
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required	9100/00			

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTE AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
2276th Council (Agriculture) on 19 June 2000				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco	7110/00			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial and agricultural products	8584/00 + COR 1 (fr,de,nl,en,da,es,pt) + REV 1 (fi)			
Council Regulations				
• fixing certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet for the 2000/2001 marketing year	8942/00	60/00, 61/00		Against: SV, UK
• fixing the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet and the compensation to offset storage costs for the 2000/2001 marketing year	8946/00			
• amending Regulation (EEC) No 2759/75 on the common organisation of the market in pigmeat	8945/00			

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2279th Council (Transport) on 26 June 2000 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required and amending Regulation (EC) No 66/98	9104/00 + COR 1 (nl,sv)			
2281st Council (Health) on 29 June 2000 Council Directive implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin	9339/00 + REV 1 (sv) + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (nl) + COR 3 (es) + COR 4 (fr) + COR 5 (fi)			
• Council Regulation establishing a Community framework for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy • Council Decision on a financial contribution from the Community towards the expenditure incurred by Member States in collecting data, and for financing studies and pilot projects for carrying out the common fisheries policy	9215/00 + COR 1 (fr) 9216/00	62/00, 63/00, 64/00, 65/00, 66/00, 67/00		

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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a revised Community Eco-label Award approval of amendments to the Council's common position at the European Parliament's 2nd reading	Ref. doc. PE-CONS 3635/00 + REV 1 (fi)			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the financial instrument for the environment (LIFE)	PE-CONS 3625/00	68/00, 69/00, 70/00		
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Council Regulation (EC) No 443/97 on operations to aid uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries	PE-CONS 3630/00	71/00		
Council Decision authorising the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	8589/00 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (fi)			
Council Decision authorising the Federal Republic of Germany to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	8588/00			
Council Decision amending Decisions 97/375/EC, 97/510/EC, 98/20/EC, 98/23/EC and 98/161/EC	9313/00			

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Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC, 92/49/EEC, 92/96/EEC and 93/22/EEC as regards exchange of information with third countries	PE-CONS 3634/00 + COR 1 (sv)			

STATEMENT 56/00**Commission statement on the themes for studies (Annex IA and B)**

"The Commission has taken careful note of the possible themes for studies on languages included in the amendments put down by the Parliament during its examination of the Commission's proposal on the European Year of Languages 2001. The Commission is conscious of the importance of language issues in the process of European integration and is committed to developing these themes in its programme of studies. That work will be undertaken within various relevant programmes and activities, in accordance with the procedures applying to them, in the spirit of Article 8 of the proposed Decision."

STATEMENT 57/00

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL STATEMENT

"The Commission and Council note that the negotiations on a wines and spirits agreement with South Africa have been concluded on 9 June 2000 at a technical level and will be submitted for approval to the Council as soon as possible.

They underline that this agreement, in particular its provisions on protection of intellectual property, together with the Trade, Cooperation and Development Agreement and the South Africa Development Programme, are regarded by them as a package and that progress on all three components is essential for the successful implementation of the package as a whole.

They also confirm that Annex 10 of the Trade, Cooperation and Development Agreement came into effect on 1 January 2000 on a provisional basis. This means that the start of the transition period for the phasing out of the port and sherry names began on the same date."

STATEMENT 58/00

COMMISSION STATEMENT

"The Commission states that the additional euro 35 million of resources to be allocated to action under the regulation on Development Cooperation with South Africa over the period 2000-2006 will be found exclusively from the allocations initially foreseen for the same period for food aid. The necessary transfer will therefore in no way affect the funding foreseen for other regional cooperation programmes financed through the Community budget."

STATEMENT 59/00

Council statement

Re Article 7:

"The Council notes that methods of supervising the operational risks of financial undertakings are not currently subject to Community legislation. It invites the Commission to examine the principles concerning the supervision of such risks, particularly those related to the outsourcing of activities, and to submit appropriate legislative proposals on this issue relating to all financial undertakings subject to prudential supervision."

STATEMENT 60/00

Statement by the Italian delegation

"With regard to the agricultural prices for sugar for the 2000-2001 marketing year, the Italian delegation states that its position on the regional price for sugar remains unchanged."

STATEMENT 61/00

Statement by the Spanish delegation

"The Spanish delegation regrets the fact that during the discussion on agricultural prices for the 2000-2001 marketing year there was still no response to the repeated request that the nut-growing sector receive support, failing which the sector will not be able to survive, given the international competition and inadequate external protection."

STATEMENT 62/00

Joint statement by the Council and the Commission

"The Council and the Commission agree that if the funds allocated at Community level do not make it possible to cover the planned maximum support levels for eligible expenditure by Member States, for both minimum and extended Community programmes, then the available funds should be allocated to those activities in the following way:

- priority should be given to data relating to the most significant fisheries in economic and social terms, taking account of the comparative biological vulnerability of the various stocks, and of the connection of each sort of data with the decisions to be taken under the common fisheries policy;
- a balance should be ensured, both geographically between the various fisheries, and between individual fields, particularly biology, fleet monitoring and economics."

STATEMENT 63/00

Statement by the Commission

"Since the procedure being established is not intended to increase Community appropriations for supporting the collection and management of data needed for the common fisheries policy, but to rationalise the aid granted, the Commission considers it to be crucial that Member States should maintain the sums allocated at national level for the collection and management of such data."

STATEMENT 64/00

Statement by the Commission

"When drawing up implementing Regulations, the Commission will take care that the groups of vessels referred to in Annex I are sufficiently homogeneous to allow a proper evaluation of the economic state of the fleets."

STATEMENT 65/00

Statement by the Commission

"The reference to the collection of annual data (Article 4(4)) does not imply that sampling programmes of the same intensity must be implemented every year. Procedures based on an intensive sampling programme during one year, followed by a less intensive collection in the following years to update initial estimates would be acceptable, as long as the precision of each annual estimate is quantified and sufficient."

STATEMENT 66/00

Statement by the Commission

"Taking into account the fact that the full implementation of the provisions on economic data has been postponed, the Commission nevertheless urges Member States to make all possible effort to collect these data in order to contribute to the review of the Common Fisheries Policy in 2002."

STATEMENT 67/00

Joint statement by the Council and Commission

- "The Commission indicates its willingness, in the framework of the report provided for in Article 10(2), to pay special attention to the collection of economic data related to the processing industry, including a cost/benefit analysis of such a collection.
- The Council invites the Commission to submit, if necessary, any appropriate proposal for amending the Regulation."

STATEMENT 68/00

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission notes the agreement of the European Parliament and the Council to provide for a regulatory procedure when considering the choice of projects, as opposed to the management procedure proposed by the Commission in the modified proposal following Parliament's second reading.

The Commission insists, as it stated at the time of the adoption of the common position, on the importance of applying the criteria of Article 2 of Council Decision 468/99/EC of 28 June 1999, laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.

The Commission believes that, the choice of projects being a measure with substantial budgetary implications, this should follow the management procedure.

The Commission considers that to ignore the terms of Article 2 of Council Decision 468/99/EC in a case as clear as this is contrary to both the spirit and the letter of the Council Decision.

The Commission must therefore reserve its position in this matter, including its right to take appropriate future action before the Court."

STATEMENT 69/00

Statement by the Council

"The Council notes the statement by the Commission regarding the choice of the committee procedure for the adoption, by the Commission, of implementing measures under the LIFE Regulation.

In choosing the regulatory procedure contained in Article 5 of Council Decision 468/99/EC of 28 June 1999, laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission, the Council took into account the experience gained with the regulatory procedure under the LIFE instrument during the first (since 1992) and second phase (since 1996) and the nature of the LIFE instrument, which plays a vital role in the protection of the environment within the Community and contributes to the implementation and development of Community environmental policy.

The Council recalls that the criteria laid down in Article 2 of Council Decision 468/99/EC are legally non-binding and of an illustrative nature. The Council considers that the scope of the implementing powers in this Regulation fully justify having recourse to a regulatory procedure."

STATEMENT 70/00

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission states that before fixing annually the dates for the submission of proposals, it will check their feasibility with the relevant committees."

STATEMENT 71/00

Commission statement for the minutes

"The Commission undertakes to submit during the first months of 2000 the report concerning operations financed in the financial years 1997, 1998 and 1999, called for in Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 443/97.

It further undertakes to submit proposals on a possible extension of that Regulation beyond 31 December 2000 on the basis of an overall assessment of operations decided on since 1997 and their implementation."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2268th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 5 June 2000	
Council Decision adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure 8366/00 + COR 1 (pt) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (en), 7039/1/00 REV 1 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1692/96/EC as regards seaports and inland ports as well as project No 8 in Annex III 6658/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 Council Decision amending Decision 1999/319/CFSP implementing Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning additional restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 8972/00 + COR 1	
2269th Council (Employment and Social Policy) on 6 June 2000	
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a system for the identification and registration of bovine animals and regarding the labelling of beef and beef products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 820/97 8251/00 + COR 1 (en)	
2271st Council (General Affairs) on 13 June 2000	
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the implementation of measures to promote economic and social development in Turkey 7492/00 Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Food Aid Convention 1999 8472/00 + COR 1 (fr/es/de/da/el/en/it/nl/fi/sv)	
2272nd Council (Research) on 15 June 2000	
Council Resolution on establishing a European area of research and innovation 9026/00	

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2273rd Council (Fisheries) on 16 June 2000 Council Common Position repealing Common Position 98/633/CFSP on the Process on Stability and Good-Neighbourliness in South-East Europe 9196/00 Council Decision on the procedure concerning derogations from the rules of origin set out in Protocol No 1 to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement 9250/00 Council Joint Action supplementing Joint Action 1999/189/CFSP concerning a contribution by the European Union to the re-establishment of a viable police force in Albania 8996/00 2274th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 19 June 2000 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2866/98 on the conversion rates between the euro and the currencies of the Member States adopting the euro 9222/00 + COR 1 Council Decision in accordance with Article 122(2) of the Treaty on the adoption by Greece of the single currency on 1 January 2001 9220/00 Council Recommendation of 19 June 2000 on the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and the Community 9223/00 2275th Council of the European Union meeting in the composition of the Heads of State or Government on 19 June 2000 Common Strategy of the European Council on the Mediterranean region 9746/00	

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2276th Council (Agriculture) on 19 June 2000 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on company law concerning takeover bids 8129/00 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (en) Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of Agreed Minutes between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Korea relating to the world shipbuilding market 8932/1/00 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (en) Council Regulation (EC) No /2000 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Estonia 8698/00 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the resale right for the benefit of the author of an original work of art 7484/00 + COR 1 (fr)	
2280th Council (General Affairs) on 19 June 2000 Council Common Position on Angola 9166/00	
2278th Council (Environment) on 22 June 2000 Council Joint Action concerning the control of technical assistance related to certain military end-uses 8343/00 + COR 1 (sv) Council Decision repealing Decision 94/942/CFSP on the joint action concerning the control of exports of dual-use goods 7722/00 Council Regulation setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology 7538/00 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (fr) + COR 4 (fi) + COR 5 (de) + REV 1 (sv) + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 (de)	

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2279th Council (Transport) on 26 June 2000 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 94/55/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by road 7455/00 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 96/49/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail 7456/00 Council Resolution on the conservation and enhancement of European cinema heritage 8781/00 + REV 1 (fi) Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, concerning the Communication from the Commission on Principles and Guidelines for the Community's Audiovisual Policy in the Digital Age 8782/00 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (en) + COR 3 (pt) Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council modifying the common principles of the European System of national and regional accounts in the Community (ESA 95) as concerns taxes and social contributions and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 8276/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (it) + REV 1 (es) Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Kazakhstan amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Kazakhstan on trade in textile products initialled at Brussels on 15 October 1993, as last amended by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 20 December 1995 9329/00 Council Resolution on the improvement of road safety 9832/00	

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2281st Council (Health) on 29 June 2000 Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 93/42/EEC as regards medical devices incorporating stable derivatives of human blood or human plasma 13561/99 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (da) + COR 3 (fi) Resolution of the Council and of the Ministers for Employment and Social Policy meeting within the Council on the balanced participation of women and men in family and working life 9303/00 + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (fr) Council Decision setting up a Social Protection Committee 9305/00 + COR 1 (da/de/el/en/fi/fr/it/pt/sv) Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Protocol defining, for the period 3 December 1999 to 2 December 2002, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Mauritius on fishing in the waters of Mauritius 9209/00 Council Regulation implementing for the Community the tariff provisions of Decision No 2/2000 of the Joint Council under the Interim Agreement on Trade and Trade-related matters between the European Community and the United Mexican States 9323/00 + REV 1 (fi) + REV 1 COR 1 (fi) + COR 1 (fr/de/it/nl/en/da/el/es/pt/sv) + COR 2 (de/it/en/el/pt) + COR 3 (fr) + COR 4 (nl) + COR 5 (da) + COR 6 (es) + COR 7 (sv) Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on trade in textile and clothing products, and its provisional application 8565/00 Council Common Position concerning EU support for the OAU peace process between Ethiopia and Eritrea 8294/1/00 REV 1	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedure completed on 30 June 2000 Council Directive amending Council Directive 92/12/EEC as regards temporary quantitative restrictions for products subject to excise duties brought into Sweden from other Member States 9226/00	
