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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 <sup>1</sup> adopted by the Council in July 2000, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

JULY 2000			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
<b>Legislative act adopted under the co-decision procedure following the European Parliament's second reading</b>			
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency requirements for ballasts for fluorescent lighting (5.7.00)	10171/00		
<b>2282nd Council (General Affairs) on 10 July 2000</b>			
Council Decision providing supplementary macrofinancial assistance to Moldova	9028/00 + COR 1 (fi)	72/00	
Corrigendum to the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Languages 2001	9694/00 + REV 1 (sv) + REV 2 (fi) + REV 2 COR 1 (fi) PE-CONS 2623/00 + COR 1 (fr) + COR 2 (it,nl,en)		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENT	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES	
<b>2283rd Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 17 July 2000</b>				
Council Decision authorising Italy to apply reductions in excise duties on certain mineral oils used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	9901/00	73/00		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work (seventh individual directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)	PE-CONS 3629/00 + COR 1 (de,nl)			
Council Decision amending Decision 99/311/EC of 29 April 1999 adopting the third phase of the trans-European co-operation scheme for higher education (TEMPUS III) (2000-2006)	9833/00			
<b>2284th Council (Agriculture) on 17 July 2000</b>				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 establishing an integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes	9261/1/00 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 + REV 1 COR 2 (fi)	74/00, 75/00, 76/00	Against I	

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
<p>Council Regulation amending Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (EEC) No 1766/92 on the common organisation of the market in cereals</li> <li>• (EC) No 3072/95 on the common organisation of the market in rice</li> <li>• (EEC) No 845/72 laying down special measures to encourage silkworm rearing</li> <li>• (EC) No 2467/98 on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat</li> </ul>	<p>8940/00</p> <p>9841/00</p> <p>8943/00</p> <p>8944/00</p>			
<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the European Parliament's amendments at second reading to the Council common position</li> </ul>	<p>PE-CONS 3640/00</p>			
<p><b>2285th Council (Budget) on 20 July 2000</b></p> <p>Council Directive 2000/47/EC amending Directives 69/169/EEC and 92/12/EEC as regards temporary quantitative restrictions on beer imports into Finland</p>	<p>9849/00</p> <p>+ COR 1 (pt)</p>			

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Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 918/83 as regards a temporary derogation for duty-free imports of beer into Finland	9923/00			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products	10070/00	77/00		
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fishstocks and groups of fishstocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required	9685/00	78/00, 79/00, 80/00		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on end-of-life vehicles	PE-CONS 3627/00	81/00, 82/00, 83/00		

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
<b>Written procedure completed on 27 July 2000</b>  Council Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops to include flax and hemp grown for fibre</li> <li>• on the common organisation of the markets in flax and hemp grown for fibre</li> </ul>	0553/00		
	10554/00	84/00	Abstention B

**STATEMENT 72/00**

**Statement by the Commission**

"The Commission states

1. it intends to fix the amount of the first tranche of this assistance at around 50 % of the total amount, to be disbursed after consultation with the Economic and Financial Committee;
2. the amount of the second tranche will be fixed in due course, after consultation of the Economic and Financial Committee, taking into account developments in the country's effective external financing needs and actual contributions of other bilateral donors;
3. it will inform the European Parliament when the second instalment is disbursed."

## **STATEMENT 73/00**

### **Statement by the Italian delegation**

Re: Article 1

"The Italian delegation states that the request for a derogation which has been submitted concerning the reimbursement of part of the excise duty on diesel oil used by commercial vehicles is not intended to allow a reduction in the current rate of excise duty. The purpose of the planned reimbursement is to partially offset for those vehicles the increase in the rate of excise duty, which has been decided on for diesel oil."

#### **STATEMENT 74/00**

"The Commission states that once the regulation has been approved, requests in relation to the establishment of the GIS will be eligible for co-financing under regulation 723/97."

#### **STATEMENT 75/00**

"The Commission is aware that the introduction of the GIS may imply particular problems which might not be fully resolved by the expiry of the time-limits foreseen. The Commission will be prepared, within the legislative obligations, to take a constructive approach taking into account these particular problems."

#### **STATEMENT 76/00**

"The Community is under strong pressure as far as good management of Community funds is concerned. The Commission regrets that Member States are not prepared to make, within the timetable proposed by the Commission, a stronger effort putting the Geographical Information system in place and to assure compatibility between the different systems."

## **STATEMENT 77/00**

### **STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL**

"The Council notes with satisfaction that the Commission intends to amend the Regulation concerning the implementing rules for aid for the supply of milk in schools, in accordance with the procedure of the Management Committee for Milk and Milk Products.

In this context:

- (a) the Commission will aim for simplification of aid management measures with the objective of improved efficiency and rationalisation of the administrative costs for beneficiaries, and a reduction in management and control costs;
- (b) the list of eligible products will be revised in order to extend the scope of the measure to cover a range of different products, particularly by including low-fat milk products such as semi-skimmed and skimmed milk and yoghurts.

Also, the coefficients for calculating aid for the various eligible products will be revised in order to restore an up-to-date evaluation of the protein content of low-fat products. In this connection, the amount of aid relating to low-fat products will be raised in order to reduce the current difference as against whole milk."

## **STATEMENT 78/00**

"The Spanish delegation considers that the allocation between Member States of Community fishing opportunities in Estonian waters for 2000 under this Regulation in no way prejudices the allocation for the years to come, since that involves new fishing opportunities under new agreements between the Community and Estonia, in which all Member States are entitled to participate in accordance with the judgment given by the Court of Justice of the European Communities on 13 October 1992 in Case C-63/90 and others.

In addition, bearing in mind the conclusions adopted by the Council on 30 October 1997 concerning fisheries agreements with third countries, in particular point 4(i), the Spanish delegation reaffirms the importance which it attaches to showing flexibility in fisheries agreements, especially as regards transfers of fishing opportunities from one Member State to another in the event of under-utilisation, without prejudice to the principle of relative stability.

The Spanish delegation would point out that, despite the time which has elapsed since those conclusions were adopted by the Council, the present Regulation does not make any provision for such transfers of fishing opportunities in Estonian waters. This is undoubtedly necessary for proper management and its omission may jeopardise full utilisation of the fishing opportunities granted under such agreements, which is essential in order to safeguard the interests of the Community as a whole.

The Spanish delegation reiterates the need for early submission of specific proposals to put those Council conclusions into practice."

### **STATEMENT 79/00**

"The Portuguese delegation understands that the allocation of quotas approved for 2000 does not set a precedent for the allocation of quotas for following years, given that the quota set for the Community in Estonian waters represents new fishing opportunities to which all the Member States are entitled, as established in the judgment of the Court of Justice of 13 October 1992 (Case C-63/90 et al.)."

### **STATEMENT 80/00**

"The Portuguese delegation bearing in mind the conclusions adopted by the Council of Ministers on 30 October 1997 on the policy on fisheries agreements with third countries, and in particular point 4(i) thereof, the Portuguese delegation reaffirms the importance to it of making generally available to the Commission arrangements for transferring fishing possibilities from one Member State to another in the event of under-utilisation, without prejudice to the principle of relative stability.

It notes that, despite the Council's adoption of the abovementioned conclusions, the proposal for a Regulation does not include such transfer arrangements, which the Council holds to be essential to sound management, and may thus jeopardise optimum use of resources, an essential requirement if the interests of the Community as a whole are to be upheld.

The Portuguese delegation emphasises the importance of ensuring the timely submission of proposals for putting the Council guidelines into practice, pending the political guidelines which the Council intends to adopt on the basis of the cost/benefit analysis to be carried out by the Commission."

## **STATEMENT 81/00**

### **Commission statement**

#### **Re Article 5(1), first indent**

"The Commission confirms that Article 5(1), first indent, authorises Member States to use existing collection systems for the collection of waste used components and does not oblige them to set up separate collection systems (for waste used components) with specific financial requirements."

## **STATEMENT 82/00**

### **Commission statement**

#### **Re Article 5(3), first subparagraph**

"The Commission considers that the reference to registration contained in Article 5(3), first subparagraph, authorises Member States to decide whether producers, dealers and collectors should be registered pursuant to the Framework Directive on Waste, or whether they should be entered in a new register established specifically for that purpose."

## **STATEMENT 83/00**

### **Commission statement**

#### **Re Article 7(1)**

"The Commission states that Article 7(1) does not introduce any additional requirements, measures or criteria with regard to technical controls."

## **STATEMENT 84/00**

### **Statement by the Belgian delegation**

"The Belgian delegation takes the view that the compromise on "textile fibres – flax and hemp" granted additional aid to all operators in zones I and II listed in the Annex to the draft Regulation and receiving aid for processing into long fibres.

By ruling out additional aid for farmers carrying out the processing themselves, Article 4 will create discrimination between operators."

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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes made public</b>
<b>2282nd Council (General Affairs) on 10 July 2000</b>	
<p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2334/97 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain imports of flat pallets of wood originating in the Republic of Poland 9568/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of synthetic staple fibres of polyester originating in Australia, Indonesia and Thailand and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed 9571/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China 9653/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive countervailing duty and definitively collecting the provisional countervailing duty imposed on imports of stainless steel fasteners originating in Malaysia and the Philippines and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel fasteners originating in Singapore and Thailand 9574/00</p> <p>Decision of the Council and of the Commission on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part 8789/00, with the Protocol to the APC in Annex 7963/96 + COR 1 (fr,de,en,dk,gr) + COR 2 (it,dk,pt) + COR 3 (gr) + COR 4 (nl) + COR 5 (dk) + REV 1 (fi,sv)</p> <p>Decision of the Council and of the Commission on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part 8373/00, with the Protocol to the APC in Annex 7290/96</p>	

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<p>Decision of the Council and of the Commission on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part 8372/00, with the Protocol to the APC in Annex 7291/96</p> <p><b>2283rd Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 17 July 2000</b></p> <p>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 reorganisation and winding up of credit institutions 8733/00 + REV 1 (sv)</p> <p>Council Decision concerning the Community contribution to the International Fund "Clearance of the Fairway of the Danube" 10048/00</p> <p><b>2284th Council (Agriculture) on 17 July 2000</b></p> <p>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, of the one part, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, of the other part, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1999/2000 delivery period 9467/00</p> <p>Council Decision on the acceptance, by the European Community, of the amendment to the Agreement establishing the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean with a view to establishing an autonomous budget for that Organisation 5056/00</p>	<p>NL against</p>

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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes made public</b>
<p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 584/96 with regard to the imposition of anti-dumping measures applicable to certain tube and pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, Croatia and Thailand 9658/00</p> <p><b>2285th Council (Budget) on 20 July 2000</b></p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ethanolamines originating in the United States of America 10113/00</p> <p>Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the Community and Cyprus establishing cooperation in the field of small and medium-sized enterprises within the framework of the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union (1997 to 2000) 10071/00</p> <p>Council Decision implementing Common Position 1999/691/CFSP on support to democratic forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) 10447/00</p> <p>Council Common Position suspending, for a limited period, Article 4 of Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and repealing Common Position 2000/176/CFSP 10317/00</p> <p>Council Joint Action regarding a contribution of the European Union towards reinforcing the capacity of the Georgian authorities to support and protect the OSCE Observer Mission on the border of the Republic of Georgia with the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation 10319/00</p> <p>Council Common Position concerning a prohibition on imports of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone 10318/00</p>	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive on the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the implementation of good clinical practice in the conduct of clinical trials on medicinal products for human use 8878/00	A against
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners 9662/00	F abstention
<b>Written procedures completed on 25 July 2000</b>	
Council Decision on the signing of the Protocol on the extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the member countries of ASEAN to the Lao People's Democratic Republic 10221/00	
Council Decision on the signing of the Protocol on the extension of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the member countries of ASEAN to the Kingdom of Cambodia 10220/00	
<b>Written procedures completed on 31 July 2000</b>	
Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Norway concerning the extension of the common communications network/common systems interface (CCN/CSI) within the framework of the Convention on a common transit procedure 9822/00 + COR 1 (pt) + COR 2 (es)	
Council Regulation 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 Hungary 10532/00	

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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes made public</b>
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 approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products 9448/00 + COR 1	A/L/E abstention D against

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