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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in September 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 August/September 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.

| SEPTEMBER 2000                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                 |                                      |                                |
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| DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS                                                                                                                                                               | TEXTS ADOPTED                                   | STATEMENTS                           | VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE |
| <b>Legislative act adopted at 2nd reading by the European Parliament in the framework of the codecision procedure</b>                                                                     |                                                 |                                      |                                |
| Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics (5.9.00)                                                | Ref.<br>10970/00<br>PE-CONS 3645/00             |                                      |                                |
| <b>Written procedures completed on 7 September 2000</b>                                                                                                                                   |                                                 |                                      |                                |
| Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures to promote the conservation and sustainable management of tropical forests and other forests in developing countries | PE-CONS 3632/00                                 |                                      |                                |
| Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures to promote the full integration of the environmental dimension in the development process of developing countries    | PE-CONS 3631/00                                 |                                      |                                |
| <b>Written procedures completed on 14 September 2000</b>                                                                                                                                  |                                                 |                                      |                                |
| Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy                                                        | PE-CONS 3639/00<br>+ REV 1 (de)<br>+ REV 2 (fi) | 85/00, 86/00, 87/00,<br>88/00, 89/00 |                                |

| SEPTEMBER 2000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                     |                                                        |                                |
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| DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | TEXTS ADOPTED                       | STATEMENTS                                             | VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE |
| Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues                                                                                                                                                      | CONS-PE 3638/00                     | 90/00                                                  |                                |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 21 September 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     |                                                        |                                |
| Council Regulation amending Annex 4 to Protocol No 9 to the 1994 Act of Accession and Commission Regulation (EC) No 3298/94 with regard to the system of ecopoints for heavy goods vehicles transiting through Austria                                                                | 11574/00                            | 91/00, 92/00, 93/00, 94/00, 95/00, 96/00, 97/00, 98/00 | Against A<br>Abstention B      |
| <b>Legislative acts adopted at 2nd reading by the European Parliament in the framework of the codecision procedure</b>                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                        |                                |
| 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 (21.9.2000)                                                                 | Ref.<br>11715/00<br>PE-CONS 3648/00 |                                                        |                                |
| Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 96/49/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail (21.9.2000) | Ref.<br>11716/00<br>PE-CONS 3649/00 |                                                        |                                |

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| DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | TEXTS ADOPTED                                                    | STATEMENTS    | VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE |  |
| <b>2287th Council (Culture) on 26 September 2000</b><br><br>Council Regulation on budgetary discipline                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 9091/00<br>+ COR 1<br>(fr,de,it,nl,en,da,el,es,fi,sv)<br>+ COR 2 |               |                                |  |
| <b>2288th Council (Justice and Home Affairs) 28 September 2000</b><br><br>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 302/93 on the establishment of a European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction                                                                                          | 10542/00                                                         |               |                                |  |
| Council Decision establishing a European Refugee Fund                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11441/00<br>+ COR 1 (el)                                         | 99/00, 100/00 |                                |  |
| <b>2289th Council (Internal Market/Consumer Affairs/Tourism) on 28 September 2000</b><br><br>Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer, as regards the base year for the allocation of quotas of hydrochlorofluorocarbons | PE-CONS 3644/1/00 REV1                                           |               |                                |  |

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| Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer, as regards metered dose inhalers and medical drug pumps | PE-CONS 3642/1/00 REV 1                                                                                               |                                                   |                                |  |
| <b>2290th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 29 September 2000</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                       |                                                   |                                |  |
| Council Decision on the system of the European Communities' own resources                                                                                                            | 7439/00<br>+ COR 1 (de)<br>+ COR 2 (nl)<br>+ COR 3 (fr,de,it,en,es,pt)<br>+ COR 4 (en,fi)<br>+ COR 5 (fr,nl,en,el,es) | 101/00, 102/00, 103/00,<br>104/00, 105/00, 106/00 |                                |  |

**STATEMENT 85/00****Commission statement**

"The report which the Commission will publish pursuant to Article 18(3) of the Directive will contain a cost-benefit analysis drawn up with the help of the Member States."

**STATEMENT 86/00****Statement by the Danish delegation**

"Denmark does not feel that the water policy framework Directive contributes sufficiently to combating the release of dangerous substances, regarding which a number of Member States joined in passing a resolution in principle under the international conventions on protection of the marine environment. Denmark attached great importance to having the target of the OSPAR-Sintra Declaration for progressive reduction of the release of dangerous substances incorporated into the Directive.

Denmark will not oppose adoption of the water policy framework Directive, as Denmark recognises that the Directive contains many positive elements for the protection of the Community's water environment.

Denmark calls on the European Parliament and the Council to ensure that future Community legislation on protection of the water environment corresponds to the aspirational level in other relevant international conventions on dangerous substances."

## **STATEMENT 87/00**

### **Statement by the Spanish delegation**

"The Spanish delegation states that its vote in favour of adopting this Directive is based on its approval of the basic provisions contained in the Articles. However, it considers that the Directive is being adopted with an incorrect legal basis, since it is an instrument with major implications for the management of water resources, and its legal basis should be Article 175(2) of the EC Treaty. The Spanish delegation therefore reserves the right to challenge it before the Court of Justice, if necessary."

## **STATEMENT 88/00**

### **Statement by the Irish delegation**

"The Irish delegation fully supports the objectives of the Water Framework Directive and its basic provisions. Ireland is satisfied, following legal consultations, that the final text accommodates the case advanced by Ireland in relation to the domestic sector, enabling that sector to continue to be exempt from water charges in accordance with established practice."

## **STATEMENT 89/00**

### **Statement by the Finnish delegation**

"Finland considers that Article 4 does not limit the application of the directive in the manner laid down in Article 11(1) and preserves the character of the management plans in Article 13 as a summary, information and reporting instrument. Finland considers that implementation procedures based on national legislation and legal systems can be made use of without a specific reference to Article 11(1) being included in Article 4."

## **STATEMENT 90/00**

### **Commission statement**

"The Commission interprets "significant" as a figure of the order of at least 30% of the costs to which Article 8(1) refers."

## **STATEMENT 91/00**

### COUNCIL STATEMENT

"The Council states that this Regulation is adopted without prejudice to the Member States' position on whether or not the 108% threshold was exceeded in 1999."

## **STATEMENT 92/00**

### COMMISSION STATEMENT

"The Commission undertakes in its report on the development of the system of ecopoints (to be submitted before the end of the year) to examine inter alia the conditions for the application of the 108% threshold and the issues of statistics and "black" trips.

The Commission will meanwhile convene a group of experts in order to clarify statistical issues relating in particular to the years 1999 and 2000."

## **STATEMENT 93/00**

### COMMISSION STATEMENT

"The Commission confirms that when the reserve is allocated it will give special attention to the case of Greece."

## **STATEMENT 94/00**

### COMMISSION STATEMENT

"In allocating the reserve, the Commission will base its proposal on the justified needs presented by the Member States. It will also take account of objective situations which might characterise other Member States such as, for instance, those resulting from the closure of the Mont Blanc tunnel."

## **STATEMENT 95/00**

### STATEMENT BY THE BELGIAN DELEGATION

"Belgium considers that transit by its hauliers through Austria is particularly affected by the closure of the Mont Blanc tunnel given the volume of its traffic flow with Italy.

It requests that account be taken of this objective factor when allocating the reserve."

## **STATEMENT 96/00**

### STATEMENT BY THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION

"Austria expects the Commission and the Council to discuss at an early date measures for the reduction of environmental pollution in transit traffic through Austria on a permanent and environmentally sound basis beyond 2003, so that appropriate decisions can be taken in good time to take account of this objective. Austria further presumes that the Commission will take this long-term aspect into due consideration in the scientific study which it is to carry out before 1 January 2001."

### **STATEMENT 97/00**

#### STATEMENT BY THE ITALIAN DELEGATION:

"Italy considers that the closing of the Mont Blanc tunnel has had a significant effect on the flow of transit operations carried out by Italian carriers through Austria. It therefore takes note with satisfaction of the Commission statement undertaking to take account of this objective situation directly concerning it."

### **STATEMENT 98/00**

#### STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION:

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has agreed to the Regulation despite its considerable reservations, in particular regarding the spread of the reduction in Ecopoints. It calls attention in this connection *inter alia* to the minutes of the meetings of the Ecopoints Committee on 30 November 1995 (p. 3) and on 8.7.96 (p. 3). The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany also assumes that the Regulation will not be further challenged by other parties.

Should legal action be taken against the Regulation by other parties, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany would also have to reserve the right to take such a step."

## **STATEMENT 99/00**

### **Council statement**

#### **Re Article 6**

- (a) "The Council states that the voting procedure foreseen in Article 6 does not prejudice the voting procedure which will be chosen in the framework of the proposal for a Directive on temporary protection."
- (b) "The Council recognises that financial compensation of emergency measures in cases of mass influx as foreseen under Article 6 of the ERF is one of the measures enabling a balance of efforts to be promoted in compliance with Article 63(2)(b) TEC. The Council will therefore endeavour to reach a decision, in the framework of the Directive on temporary protection, on other measures promoting a balance of effort between Member States in receiving and bearing the consequences of receiving refugees and displaced persons."

## **STATEMENT 100/00**

### **Council statement**

#### **Re Article 10**

"Taking into account the needs of Member States which have already received a disproportionate number of refugees and displaced persons, the Council agrees that an examination should be made of how far, in the light of experience, the arrangements for distributing resources as set forth in Article 10 are genuinely contributing to the objective, contained in Article 63(2)(b) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, of promoting a balance of effort between Member States.

The Council therefore requests the Commission to consider all questions in connection with the mid-term report provided for in Article 20(4) and to study the necessity to submit new proposals entering into force by 2003."

## **STATEMENT 101/00**

### **Council statement**

The Council agrees that the parameters and the calculation methods in relation to the frozen rate laid down in Article 2(4)(b), to be used for the determination of the uniform rate referred to in Article 2(1)(c), should be re-examined in the framework of Article 9, particularly in order to take into account the consequences of future enlargement.

## **STATEMENT 102/00**

### **Council statement**

"When proposing modifications to Regulation 2223/96, the Commission will inform the Member States on the possible need to initiate the procedures established in Article 2(7), second subparagraph, or in Article 3(4) of the Own Resources Decision.

The procedure of Article 2(7), second subparagraph, shall be initiated when a Commission proposal involves a conceptual modification of the GNI affecting the structure of the own resources.

The procedure of Article 3(4) shall be initiated when a Commission proposal entails an important modification of the level of GNI and it will be aimed at maintaining unchanged the amount of the financial resources put at the disposal of the Communities."

## **STATEMENT 103/00**

### **Council statement**

"The Council unanimously endorses the method envisaged by the Commission for the calculation of the UK correction, which is exposed in detail in the revised Commission document of 30/03/00. The Council agrees unanimously that the above calculation method fully respects the present decision and the Conclusions of the Berlin European Council."

## **STATEMENT 104/00**

### **Commission statement**

"In relation to point 75 of the Conclusions of the Berlin European Council, the Commission declares that for presentational purposes, when referring in its reports to budgetary imbalances, the Commission will exclude from these administrative expenditure."

## **STATEMENT 105/00**

### **Commission statement**

"The Commission confirms its intention, in the light of future enlargement and the need for simplification, to submit its review under Article 9 on all relevant factors, in particular those mentioned in Article 9 as well as the frozen rate referred to in Article 2(4), the TOR windfall gains to the UK and the indexation of the enlargement windfall gains referred to in Article 4, before the end of 2004."

## **STATEMENT 106/00**

### **Statement by the Belgian and Luxembourg delegations**

"The Belgian and Luxembourg delegations restate their objections to the Commission's arrangements for entry in the account and allocation of administrative expenditure. This expenditure, which is of a specific nature, is not incurred in the economic interests of the Member States concerned. Nevertheless, as in 1994, the Belgian and Luxembourg delegations state that they will not stand in the way of their use for the exclusive purposes of the calculation of the UK correction."

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| <b>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
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| <b>OTHER ACTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Votes made public</b> |
| <b>Written procedures completed on 3 August 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| <p>Council Regulation suspending, for an additional limited period of time, Regulation (EC) No 2151/1999 imposing a ban on flights between the territories of the Community and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia other than the Republic of Montenegro or the Province of Kosovo, and amending Regulation (EC) No 607/2000<br/>10636/00</p> <p>Council Regulation on the on the importation into the Community of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone<br/>10640/00</p> <p>Council Decision amending Decision 1999/319/CFSP implementing Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning additional restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia<br/>10638/00</p> |                          |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 7 August 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2793/1999 on certain procedures for applying the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of South Africa<br/>10140/00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 11 August 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain malleable cast iron tube or pipe fittings originating in Brazil, the Czech Republic, Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Thailand<br/>10372/00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 14 August 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| <p>Council Decision amending Decision 93/731/EC on public access to Council documents and Decision 2000/23/EC on the improvement of information on the Council's legislative activities and the public register of Council documents<br/>10702/00 + COR 1 (el)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |

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| <p><b>Written procedure completed on 16 August 2000</b></p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 772/1999 imposing definitive anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of farmed Atlantic salmon originating in Norway<br/>10539/00</p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 15 September 2000</b></p> <p>Council Regulation laying down the weightings applicable from 1 January 2000 to the remuneration of officials of the European Communities serving in third countries<br/>9908/00</p> <p><b>2286th Council (General Affairs) on 18 September 2000</b></p> <p>Council Regulation introducing exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process, amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98, and repealing Regulations (EC) Nos 1763/1999 and 6/2000<br/>10699/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of fluorspar originating in the People's Republic of China<br/>10883/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1001/97 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyester textured filament yarn originating in Malaysia<br/>10886/00</p> <p>Council Regulation further amending Regulation (EEC) No 3905/88 as regards definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of polyester yarn originating in Taiwan and Turkey<br/>10891/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of styrene-butadiene-styrene thermoplastic rubbers originating in Taiwan<br/>10921/00</p> |                          |

| <b>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
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| <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duties imposed on imports of solutions of urea and ammonium nitrate originating in Algeria, Belarus, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine, and terminating the anti-dumping proceeding in respect of imports originating in the Slovak Republic<br/>10953/00</p> <p>Council Regulation (EC) imposing a definitive countervailing duty and definitively collecting the provisional countervailing duty imposed on imports of styrene-butadiene-styrene thermoplastic rubber originating in Taiwan<br/>10924/00</p> <p>Common Position of the Council on Rwanda<br/>11178/00</p> <p>Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the provisional application of the Internal Agreement between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on measures to be taken and procedures to be followed for the implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement<br/>10348/1/00 REV 1</p> <p><b>2287th Council (Culture) on 26 September 2000</b></p> <p>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001<br/>10603/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan<br/>10879/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 5/96 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of microwave ovens originating in the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Thailand<br/>10402/00</p> |                          |

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| <b>2288th Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 28 September 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |
| Initiative of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg with a view to the adoption of a Council Decision establishing a procedure for amending Articles 40(4) and (5), 41(7) and 65(2) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at common borders<br>11108/00                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |
| Council Decision on the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Norway on the participation of Norway in the work of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction<br>10543/00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |
| Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part<br>10200/00 + COR 1<br>with, in annex, the Partnership Agreement, etc. followed by the Final Act<br>11618/97 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (fr) + COR 4 (fr) + COR 5 (fr) + COR 6 (it,fi) + COR 7 (da) + COR 8 (el) + COR 9 (de,nl,en,pt,sv) |                   |
| Council Regulation prohibiting imports of blue-fin tuna ( <i>Thunnus thynnus</i> ) originating in Belize, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea<br>11433/00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |
| Council Regulation prohibiting imports of Atlantic swordfish ( <i>Xiphias gladius</i> ) originating in Belize and Honduras<br>11434/00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   |
| Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and Malta adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Malta in Community programmes in the fields of training, education and youth<br>11363/00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |

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| <p><b>2289th Council (Internal Market/Consumer Affairs/Tourism) on 28 September 2000</b></p> <p>Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex II of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2377/90 laying down a Community procedure for the establishment of maximum residue limits of veterinary medicinal products in foodstuffs of animal origin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission proposal 10526/00</li> </ul> <p><u><b>Published Council statement</b></u></p> <p><i><b>"The Council considers that there is presently considerable uncertainty as to the public health risks associated with the use of rBST. This is based in particular on the Report of the Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures (Public Health) which concluded that the use of rBST could increase Insulin Growth Factor I (IGF-I) levels in milk. Epidemiological studies have reported that IGF-I, which is a cellular growth factor, is associated with an increased relative risk of breast and prostate cancer. However, further studies are required to specify more conclusively the role of IGF-I in cancer development. In addition, the amount of IGF-I in milk of treated cows is not known conclusively.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>In addition, there could potentially be secondary effects on public health related to the increased incidence of mastitis in dairy cows resulting from use of rBST which requires increased use of antimicrobials in its treatment and prevention. Such secondary effects could include an increase in allergic reactions and an increased selection of bacteria resistant to antimicrobials.</b></i></p> <p><i><b>Accordingly, taking into account that insufficient data are presently available on consumer risk assessment – as already indicated in its statement of 17 December 1999<sup>1</sup> when adopting Decision 1999/879/EC<sup>2</sup> – the Council, on the basis of the precautionary principle, considers that it is inappropriate at this time to fix an MRL for rBST and would call upon the Commission to continue further studies on the matter."</b></i></p> |                   |

<sup>1</sup> 13984/99 ADD 1

<sup>2</sup> Council Decision of 17 December 1999 concerning the placing on the market and administration of bovine somatotrophin (BST) and repealing Decision 90/218/EEC (OJ L 331, 23.12.1999, p. 71).

| <b>AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2000</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                          |
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| <p>Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to special provisions for vehicles used for the carriage of passengers comprising more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, and amending Directives 70/156/EEC and 97/27/EC<br/>9012/00 + COR 1 (es)</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 harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society<br/>9512/00 + COR 1 (el) + COR 2 (nl) + COR 3 (fi) + COR 4 (sv)</p> <p><b>2290th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 29 September 2000</b></p> <p>Council Decision on the composition and the statutes of the Economic Policy Committee<br/>11362/00 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (sv)</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 119/97 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ring binder mechanisms originating in the People's Republic of China<br/>10942/00</p> <p>Council Common Position extending and amending Common Position 1999/206/CFSP concerning Ethiopia and Eritrea as regards the embargo on arms for Ethiopia and Eritrea<br/>11648/00</p> |                          |

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