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This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in April 2011.<sup>1 2</sup>
- ANNEX II containing further details on the adoption of these acts. PART I provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, such as the date of adoption, the relevant Council session, the number of the document adopted, and where appropriate, applicable voting rules, voting results, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council. PART II provides information that the Council has decided to make public on the adoption of other acts.

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

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

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**LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL  
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**Written procedure completed on 1 April 2011**

*Council Decision 2011/210/CFSP of 1 April 2011 on a European Union military operation in support of humanitarian assistance operations in response to the crisis situation in Libya (EUFOR Libya)*

OJ L 89, 5.4.2011, p. 17–20

**Written procedure completed on 6 April 2011**

*Council Decision 2011/221/CFSP of 6 April 2011 amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 93, 7.4.2011, p. 20–25

*Council Regulation (EU) No 330/2011 of 6 April 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 93, 7.4.2011, p. 10–15

**Written procedure completed on 8 April 2011**

*Council Implementing Decision 2011/230/CFSP of 8 April 2011 implementing Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 97, 12.4.2011, p. 46–46

*Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 348/2011 of 8 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 97, 12.4.2011, p. 1–2

**3081st meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS)  
held in Luxembourg on 11 and 12 April 2011**

*Regulation (EU) No 513/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies (Text with EEA relevance)*

OJ L 145, 31.5.2011, p. 30–56

*Directive 2011/51/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection (Text with EEA relevance)*

OJ L 132, 19.5.2011, p. 1–4

*Regulation (EU) No 511/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 implementing the bilateral safeguard clause of the Free Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Korea*  
OJ L 145, 31.5.2011, p. 19–27

*Council Conclusions on the European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN) Annual Report 2010 and Work Programme 2011*  
7135/1/11 REV1 + REV 1 COR 1 (de) + REV 1 COR 2 (sk) + REV 2 (mt)

*Council Conclusions on encouraging Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)*  
8094/11

*Council Resolution on the use of police dogs in the European Union*  
8178/11 + REV 1 (it)

*Council Resolution concerning recommendations for hosting major football and other sports events, in particular tournaments with more than one organising country*  
8179/11 COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (pt)

*Council Conclusions on the contribution of the customs authorities to the implementation of the Stockholm Programme in the fight against serious and organised cross-border crime*  
8096/11

*Council Conclusions on Further Developing Risk Assessment for Disaster Management within the European Union*  
8068/11 + COR 1+ REV 1 (hu, pl, sk)

*Council Conclusions on cooperation between Europol and the SECI Center/SELEC*  
8185/11

*Council Regulation (EU) No 370/2011 of 11 April 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 215/2008 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the 10th European Development Fund, as regards the European External Action Service*  
OJ L 102, 16.4.2011, p. 1–5

*Council Decision amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the National Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique*  
7151/11

*2011/255/EU: Council Decision of 11 April 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and New Zealand pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union*  
OJ L 110, 29.4.2011, p. 12–12

*2011/247/EU: Council Decision of 11 April 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and Australia pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union*  
OJ L 104, 20.4.2011, p. 1–1 6601/11

*2011/256/EU: Council Decision of 11 April 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Argentine Republic pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union*  
OJ L 110, 29.4.2011, p. 13–13

*Council Decision amending Council Decision of 26 July 2010 on the participation of the European Union in negotiations of amendments to the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution*  
8207/11 + COR 1 (fi)

*Council Conclusions on Southern Neighbourhood Region*  
8710/2/11 REV 2

**3082nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 12 April 2011**

*2011/283/EU: Council Decision of 12 April 2011 on the conclusion of a 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, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Moldova in Union programmes*  
OJ L 131, 18.5.2011, p. 1–1

*2011/248/EU: Council Decision of 12 April 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, providing further liberalisation of agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part*  
OJ L 104, 20.4.2011, p. 2–2

*Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, providing further liberalisation of agricultural products, processed agricultural products and fish and fishery products and amending the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part*  
7770/11 + COR1 (sv) + REV1 (sl)

*Council Implementing Decision 2011/345/CFSP of 16 June 2011 implementing Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya*  
OJ L 159, 17.6.2011, p. 93–94

*Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 573/2011 of 16 June 2011 implementing Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya*  
OJ L 159, 17.6.2011, p. 5–6

*2010/232/CFSP: Council Decision 2010/232/CFSP of 26 April 2010 renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar*  
OJ L 105, 27.4.2010, p. 22–108

*Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP of 12 April 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran*  
OJ L 100, 14.4.2011, p. 51–57

*Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 of 12 April 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran*  
OJ L 100, 14.4.2011, p. 1–11

*Council Conclusions on Yemen*  
8874/11

*Council Conclusions on Bahrain*  
8873/11

*Council Conclusions on Libya*  
8925/11

*Council Conclusions on Syria*  
8871/11 + COR1

*Council Conclusions on Côte d'Ivoire*  
8972/11

*Council Conclusions on Burma/Myanmar*  
8736/11

**3083rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 13 April 2011**

*Council Decision on the arrangements for the negotiation of a Monetary Agreement with the French Republic, acting for the benefit of the French overseas collectivity of Saint-Barthélemy*  
7388/11 + REV1(fr) + COR1(sv)

*Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, as regards the amendments to Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative cooperation*  
8533/11

*Council Conclusions on Danube Region Strategy*  
8388/11 + ADD1+REV1

**3084th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)  
held in Luxembourg on 14 April 2011**

*Regulation (EU) No 512/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011*  
OJ L 145, 31.5.2011, p. 28–29

*Council Conclusions on Special Report No 10/2010 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Specific measures for agriculture in favour of the outermost regions of the Union and the smaller Aegean islands"*  
8443/11

*Council Conclusions on a strategy to prepare certain neighbouring countries for accession to the 1987 EC-EFTA Conventions on a common transit procedure and the simplification of formalities in trade in goods*  
6800/2/11 REV2

*Council Decision on the signature of the regional Convention on pan Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin*  
9124/3/10 REV3 + COR1 (el)

*Council Conclusions concerning the Implementation Plan of the EU Strategy for supporting disaster risk reduction in developing countries 2011-2014*  
8605/11

*Council Directive amending Directive 91/414/EEC to renew the inclusion of carbendazim as active substance (Text with EEA relevance)*  
5974/11

**Written procedure completed on 19 April 2011**

*Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 405/2011 of 19 April 2011 imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain stainless steel bars and rods originating in India*  
OJ L 108, 28.4.2011, p. 3–10



**Written procedure completed on 29 April 2011**

*Council Implementing Decision 2011/261/CFSP of 29 April 2011 implementing Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 111, 30.4.2011, p. 17–18

*Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 419/2011 of 29 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire*

OJ L 111, 30.4.2011, p. 1–2

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<b>INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS</b> <b>APRIL 2011</b>			
<b>TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT</b>	<b>TEXTS ADOPTED</b>	<b>VOTING RULE</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
<b>3081st meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 11 and 12 April 2011</b>  Regulation (EU) No 513/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 70/10	Qualified majority	All Member states in favour
<b>Statement by the Portuguese delegation</b> "Portugal strongly supports giving ESMA the statute of a truly European supervisor for credit rating agencies and thus welcomes the proposed regulation assigning ESMA competences on the registration and supervision of credit rating agencies. Nevertheless, Portugal regrets that the enforcement powers being given to ESMA in the proposed regulation are seemingly weaker than the enforcement powers currently granted to national competent authorities enforcing financial legislation on market participants. Although ESMA is granted sanctioning powers, it would be a mistake, in our view, if those powers were limited to a quasi-mechanical application of criteria and amounts set out in the legislation. Especially in the outset of ESMA's establishment, Portugal expects that ESMA's enforcement powers will not be limited just to whether or not to apply the sanction."			
<b>Statement by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Hungary, Ireland and Luxembourg</b> "The above mentioned Member States welcome the revision of Regulation 1060/2009, which will allow the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA ) to supervise credit rating agencies in line with the agreement reached on the supervisory package in the EU. Also, these Member States welcome in particular the fact that ESMA will, in co-operation with EBA and EIOPA, issue and update guidelines on the application of the endorsement regime under article 4(3) by 7th June 2011. These guidelines are necessary to clarify that endorsement can take place if the third country's regulatory regime or, in the absence of such regulatory requirements, the credit rating agency itself applies requirements which are at least as stringent as the requirements set out in articles 6-12 of Regulation 1060/2009. The endorsing credit rating agency shall remain responsible to ESMA for compliance with such requirements, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 4 of Regulation 1060/2009."			

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Directive 2011/51/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection Text with EEA relevance	PE-CONS 66/10	Qualified majority	All Member states in favour except: Against: CS and MT
<p><b>Statement by the Commission</b></p> <p>"The Commissions recalls its commitment towards ensuring that Member States establish correlation tables linking the transposition measures they adopt with the EU directive and communicate them to the Commission in the framework of transposing EU legislation, in the interest of citizens, better-law making and increasing legal transparency and to assist the examination of the conformity of national rules with EU provisions. The Commission regrets the lack of support for the provision included in the 2007 COM proposal amending the Long-Term Residence Directive which aimed at rendering the establishment of correlation tables obligatory. The Commission, in a spirit of compromise and in order to ensure the immediate adoption of the Long-Term Residence proposal, can accept the substitution of the obligatory provision on correlation tables included in the text with a relevant recital encouraging Member States to follow this practice. However, the position followed by the Commission in this file shall not be considered as a precedent. The Commission will continue its efforts with a view to finding together with the European Parliament and the Council an appropriate solution to this horizontal institutional issue."</p>			

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<p><b>Statement by Malta</b>  "Malta:  Regrets that the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection does not take its difficulties into account. The Directive will render heavier the pressure that Malta is under due to the number of beneficiaries of international protection present on the island combined with Malta's limited absorption capacity.  Makes particular reference to the Explanatory Statement of the Report of the European Parliament on this Proposal , which notes that this Proposal may have the effect of exacerbating the pressure to which Member States that host a disproportionate number of beneficiaries of international protection are subjected, due in particular to their geographical or demographic situation. The Explanatory Statement further stresses that the provisions of the Directive should be applied in such a way as to facilitate the exercise of the right of beneficiaries of international protection who enjoy long-term resident status in a Member State facing such disproportionate pressures, to reside in a Member State other than the one which granted them international protection.  Calls on the Member States to take up this recommendation and to facilitate the movement of beneficiaries of international protection from Malta once they have acquired long-term residence status there, with a view to mitigating the negative effects that would otherwise derive from the implementation of this Directive.  Reiterates its call for greater solidarity through the intra-EU relocation of beneficiaries of international protection, as called for by the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum and reaffirmed by the Council Conclusions, endorsed by the European Council, on 17 June 2010.  Recalls that the European Union's immigration and asylum policy must be governed by the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility in accordance with Article 80 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and declares that the Proposal fails to incorporate measures to implement this principle, in spite of the fact that it is the first instrument to be adopted in the establishment of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).  Augurs that the other instruments to be adopted in the context of the CEAS fully respect the principle enshrined in Article 80 TFEU, and that the qualified majority voting regime is applied in line with this overarching principle."</p>			

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Regulation (EU) No 512/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011	PE-CONS 10/2/11 REV2	Qualified majority	All Member states in favour

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<p><b>Statement by the Austrian and Romanian delegation</b>  "Austria shares the reservation against the target referred to in the German declaration. It expresses the expectation that this target will be reworked in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Council conclusions (doc. ST 8388/11)."</p> <p><b>3084th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Luxembourg on 14 April 2011</b></p> <p>Council Conclusions on Special Report No 10/2010 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Specific measures for agriculture in favour of the outermost regions of the Union and the smaller Aegean islands"  8443/11</p> <p>Council Conclusions on a strategy to prepare certain neighbouring countries for accession to the 1987 EC-EFTA Conventions on a common transit procedure and the simplification of formalities in trade in goods  6800/2/11 REV2</p> <p>Council Decision on the signature of the regional Convention on pan Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin  9124/3/10 REV3 + COR1 (el)</p>	

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<p><b>Statement by Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Hungary, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Finland on enhanced cumulation rules of origin between the EU, the EFTA States, the participants in the European Union's stabilization and association process and Turkey</b></p> <p>"Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Hungary, Austria, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Finland, would like to thank successive Council Presidencies as well as the Commission and the Member States for the work that has led to the agreement on the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.</p> <p>In order to simplify and modernize administratively burdensome rules of origin, the Commission has already launched the process of the revision of the preferential rules of origin under the Convention; whereas it is difficult to estimate when the revised Convention will become applicable it is worth recalling that certain already applicable rules provide for cumulation to be implemented in a less burdensome administrative manner.</p> <p>Since practical and well-functioning cumulation rules are essential for trade cooperation between the partners of a cumulation zone, we call for such rules to be established for diagonal cumulation possibilities that are easily administered while taking into account all relevant factors.</p> <p>In light of the EU perspective of the Participants in the European Union's stabilization and association process, diagonal cumulation possibilities based on easily manageable rules of origin would particularly contribute to increased trade cooperation, economic growth and stability in the region of the Western Balkans."</p> <p><b>Statement by UK supported by Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland and Finland</b></p> <p>"The UK's support for the adoption of this measure in no way prejudices our continuing objection to the reference to Kosovo as 'Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99' which we believe does not represent a genuinely status neutral position. The UK calls on the European External Action Service and the European Commission to rapidly conduct a cross-cutting review of references to Kosovo in all EU documents with a view to referring to Kosovo in a genuinely status neutral way."</p> <p><b>Statement by Romania, supported by Greece, Spain, Cyprus and Slovakia</b></p> <p>"Romania declares that the decision on the signature of the regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin does not affect the constant Romanian position on the status of Kosovo. At the same time, Romania considers that the reference to Kosovo as "Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/1999" in EU documents and, more importantly, in agreements signed by EU with Kosovo reflects a status neutral position."</p>	

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