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This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in July/August 2012.<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 4 July 2012**

Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories Text with EEA relevance  
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**Written procedure completed on 10 July 2012**

Council Decision 2012/372/CFSP of 10 July 2012 amending and extending Decision 2010/330/CSFP on the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX-IRAQ  
OJ L 179, 11.7.2012, p. 22–22

**3181st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 10 July 2012**

Regulation (EU) No 670/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Decision No 1639/2006/EC establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007-2013) and Regulation (EC) No 680/2007 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European transport and energy networks  
OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 1–10

Regulation (EU) No 671/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013  
OJ L 204, 31.7.2012, p. 11–17

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OJ L 192, 20.7.2012, p. 12–14

Council Conclusions on Special Report No 3/2012 by the European Court of Auditors  
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11632/12

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 627/2012 of 10 July 2012 terminating the partial interim review and the expiry review concerning the anti-dumping measures applicable on imports of certain plastic sacks and bags originating in the People's Republic of China and Thailand imposed by Regulation (EC) No 1425/2006  
OJ L 182, 13.7.2012, p. 6–9

2012/425/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
OJ L 198, 25.7.2012, p. 1–3

2012/453/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement  
OJ L 206, 2.8.2012, p. 1–4

2012/400/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
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Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
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2012/401/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms  
OJ L 188, 18.7.2012, p. 6–7

2012/399/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement  
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Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the framework of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea  
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**3182nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES),  
held in Brussels on 16 July 2012**

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand  
11116/12

Council Regulation establishing the deadline in the event of underutilisation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand  
11115/12

2012/404/EU: Council Decision of 16 July 2012 extending the period of application of the appropriate measures laid down for the Republic of Guinea in Decision 2011/465/EU and amending that Decision  
OJ L 188, 18.7.2012, p. 17–18

2012/387/EU: Council Decision of 16 July 2012 extending the period of application of the appropriate measures in Decision 2011/492/EU concluding consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and amending that Decision  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 1–2

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 672/2012 of 16 July 2012 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 791/2011 on imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 1–7

Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger)  
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Council Decision 2012/390/CFSP of 16 July 2012 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative to the African Union  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 44–46

Council Conclusions on Special report No 1/2012 "Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in sub-Saharan Africa"  
12302/12

2012/426/CFSP: Political and Security Committee Decision EUCAP NESTOR/1/2012 of 17 July 2012 concerning the appointment of the Head of the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity Building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR)  
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Council Decision 2012/391/CFSP of 16 July 2012 amending Decision 2010/279/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN)  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 47–47

Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2012 of 16 July 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 147/2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Somalia  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 8–12

Council Regulation (EU) No 641/2012 of 16 July 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 3–7

Council Decision 2012/388/CFSP of 16 July 2012 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 38–39

Council Implementing Decision 2012/393/CFSP of 16 July 2012 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 52–56

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 705/2012 of 1 August 2012 implementing Article 11(4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan  
OJ L 206, 2.8.2012, p. 5–6

### **3183rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 23 July 2012**

Council Decision 2012/421/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 61–66

Council Decision of on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes  
12134/12

Council Decision of on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes  
12138/12

Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors concerning the reassignment of a part of the unallocated resources of the 10th European Development Fund to Intra-ACP cooperation  
12145/12

Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2012, including the 2nd instalment 2012  
12344/12

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Food Assistance Convention  
12266/12

Council Decision 2012/422/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 67–73

Council Decision 2012/423/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and of the Council Common Position 2003/805/CFSP  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 74–80

Council Conclusions on the Process for Ending the Transition in Somalia  
12763/12

Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on the status of the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR)  
12529/12

2012/428/EU: Council Decision of 23 July 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas  
OJ L 199, 26.7.2012, p. 1–2

2012/443/EU: Council Decision of 23 July 2012 addressed to Spain on specific measures to reinforce financial stability  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 17–20

Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP of 23 July 2012 implementing Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 81–84

Council Decision 2012/420/CFSP of 23 July 2012 amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria  
OJ L 196, 24.7.2012, p. 59–60

Council Conclusions on Zimbabwe  
12807/12

Council Conclusions on Syria  
12527/12

Council Conclusions on Libya  
12829/12

Council Conclusions on Mali/Sahel  
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Council Conclusions on the Roadmap for Sudan and South Sudan  
12770/12

Council Conclusions on CSDP  
12610/12

**3184th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 24 July 2012**

Council Decision of 24 July 2012 adopting the Council position on the draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013  
OJ C 234, 4.8.2012, p. 4–4

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 741/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 August 2012 amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Annex I thereto  
OJ L 228, 23.8.2012, p. 1–3

2012/444/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Banka Slovenije  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 21–21

2012/447/EU: Council Implementing Decision of 24 July 2012 authorising Denmark to introduce a special measure derogating from Article 75 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 24–25



Council Conclusions Special Report No 6/2012 by the Court of Auditors: "European Union assistance to the Turkish Cypriot community"  
12526/12

2012/451/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement  
OJ L 205, 1.8.2012, p. 1–11

2012/442/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 1–4

2012/429/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on trade in parts and components of motor vehicles between the European Union and the Russian Federation  
OJ L 199, 26.7.2012, p. 3–3

2012/434/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the current EU-Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement  
OJ L 200, 27.7.2012, p. 1–1

2012/435/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation relating to the introduction or increase of export duties on raw materials  
OJ L 200, 27.7.2012, p. 2–2

Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an arrangement between the European Union, on the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, on the other part, on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice  
11796/1/12 REV 1

2012/445/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Hungary  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 22–22

2012/446/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Hungary  
OJ L 202, 28.7.2012, p. 23–23

2012/469/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Administrative Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regarding the draft Regulation on Lane Departure Warning Systems and the draft Regulation on Advanced Emergency Braking Systems Text with EEA relevance  
OJ L 213, 10.8.2012, p. 2–2

Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities  
OJ L 203, 31.7.2012, p. 1–22

#### **Written procedure completed on 25 July 2012**

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 693/2012 of 25 July 2012 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 723/2011 (extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 91/2009 on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not), by granting an exemption from those measures to one Malaysian exporting producer and terminating the registration of imports from that exporting producer  
OJ L 203, 31.7.2012, p. 23–25

Council Decision 2012/440/CFSP of 25 July 2012 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights  
OJ L 200, 27.7.2012, p. 21–23

#### **Written procedure completed on 27 July 2012**

Council Regulation (EU) No 694/2012 of 27 July 2012 establishing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2012/13 fishing season  
OJ L 203, 31.7.2012, p. 26–27

#### **Written procedure completed on 30 July 2012**

Council Recommendation on Judgments of the General Court - "Aarhus Convention" Case T-338/08 and Case T-396/09  
12664/1/12 + COR 1

#### **Written procedure completed on 1 August 2012**

Council Implementing Decision 2012/454/CFSP of 1 August 2012 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan  
OJ L 206, 2.8.2012, p. 11–12

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 643/2012 of 16 July 2012 implementing Article 11(1) and (4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan  
OJ L 187, 17.7.2012, p. 13–17

**Written procedure completed on 2 August 2012**

Council Regulation (EU) No 708/2012 of 2 August 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran  
OJ L 208, 3.8.2012, p. 1–1

Council Decision 2012/457/CFSP of 2 August 2012 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran  
OJ L 208, 3.8.2012, p. 18–21

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 709/2012 of 2 August 2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran  
OJ L 208, 3.8.2012, p. 2–5

**Written procedure completed on 3 August 2012**

Council Decision issuing directives to the Commission for the negotiation of the review of the Convention on Nuclear Safety  
12897/12 + REV 1(fr) + REV 2 (ro)

**Written procedure completed on 7 August 2012**

2012/470/EU: Council Decision of 7 August 2012 extending the validity of Decision 2012/96/EU and suspending the application of the appropriate measures set out in Decision 2002/148/EC  
OJ L 213, 10.8.2012, p. 13–15

**Written procedure completed on 28 August 2012**

Council Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine, following a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009  
13011/12 + COR 1 (lt)

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INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS JULY/AUGUST 2012			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<b>Written procedure completed on 4 July 2012</b>			
Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories Text with EEA relevance	PE-CONS 8/12	qualified majority	all member states in favour
<p><b>Statement by the Commission</b>  The Commission welcomes the political agreement reached on EMIR, but notes for the minutes that it has legal objections against one provision in the text.  The Commission considers that Article 82(3) should be deleted.  The Commission is of the view that Article 290 of the TFEU is to be interpreted as meaning that it is autonomous in the preparation and adoption of delegated acts. The standard recital on expert advice contained in the Common Understanding agreed between the three institutions is a reflection of this interpretation. It is therefore not acceptable and is contrary to Article 290 to go beyond the recital as agreed in the Common Understanding and to include an obligation to consult experts in the substantive provisions.</p> <p><b>Statement by the Republic of Bulgaria and the Czech Republic</b>  The Republic of Bulgaria and the Czech Republic express strong concern about the scope of Article 25(1) where a recognition of a CCP established in a third country is demanded by ESMA in all cases and for all types of financial instruments, irrespective of whether an obligation for mandatory clearing through CCP is required or not. It would not be allowed under any circumstances a CCP established in a third country to provide clearing services to EU counterparties or trading venues without such recognition and the freedom to choose a CCP on a contractual basis will be restricted in cases where no obligation for central clearing through CCP is required by this regulation or by other EU legislation.</p>			

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<p><b>3181st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 10 July 2012</b></p> <p>Regulation (EU) No 670/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Decision No 1639/2006/EC establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007-2013) and Regulation (EC) No 680/2007 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of the trans-European transport and energy networks</p>	PE-CONS 27/12	qualified majority	all member states in favour
<p><b>Statement by the Commission</b>            Under point 49 of the Interinstitutional Agreement on budgetary discipline and sound financial management, the Commission reports to the budgetary authority once a year on the financial instruments. The 2012 report will also include the EU-EIB Project Bond Initiative. Against this background and considering the short-lived nature of the project bond pilot phase, the Commission wishes to clarify that the expression "shall report every six months during the pilot phase" used in recital 20b, in Article (1)(2da) and in Article (2)(3b) is that the Commission will inform Council and Parliament by appearing before either institution with suitable support material rather than completing an official Commission report, which would require disproportionate effort compared to the limited scope of the pilot phase.</p>			
<p>Regulation (EU) No 671/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2012 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013</p>	PE-CONS 33/12	qualified majority	all member states in favour

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
<b>Council statement</b>			
The Council notes that the adoption of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013, is without prejudice to the decisions on the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework post-2013 and to the decisions on the future Common Agricultural Policy post-2013.			
<b>Statement by Slovenia and Malta</b>			
Considering the importance of timely adoption of the draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 as regards the application of direct payments to farmers in respect of the year 2013, Slovenia and Malta support the final compromise. However Slovenia and Malta consider that some of the amendments to Regulation (EC) No 73/2009 go beyond the scope of a transitional arrangement, in particular the amendments contained in Article 1(4a), (4b) and (4c). In this context Slovenia and Malta would like to emphasize that these amendments only address the concerns of some new Member states and does not take into account comparable concerns related to smooth transition and simplification of other new Member states.			
<b>3184th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 24 July 2012</b>			
Council Decision of 24 July 2012 adopting the Council position on the draft budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013	12278/12 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3 12279/1/12 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (hu) +ADD 1 + ADD 2	qualified majority	all member states in favour except: against: NL, SE, UK abstention: AT

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<b>TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT</b>	<b>TEXTS ADOPTED</b>	<b>VOTING RULE</b>	<b>VOTES</b>
Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 741/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 August 2012 amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Annex I thereto	PE-CONS 28/12 + COR 1	qualified majority	all member states in favour

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OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
<p><b>Written procedure completed on 10 July 2012</b></p> <p>Council Decision 2012/372/CFSP of 10 July 2012 amending and extending Decision 2010/330/CSFP on the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX-IRAQ 10346/1/12 REV 1</p> <p><b>3181st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 10 July 2012</b></p> <p>European Semester: Adoption of Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programmes 2012 to each Member State, delivering Council Opinions on the updated Stability or Convergence Programmes, 2012-2015/16 and Adoption of Council Recommendations on the National Reform Programme 2012 of Greece Adoption of Council recommendation on the implementation of the broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States whose currency is the euro 11854/12 11296/12 11289/12 11941/12</p> <p>2012/409/EU: Council Implementing Decision of 10 July 2012 amending Implementing Decision 2011/344/EU on granting Union financial assistance to Portugal OJ L 192, 20.7.2012, p. 12–14 11839/12</p>	



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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes/Statements made public</b>
<p>Council Conclusions on Special Report No 3/2012 by the European Court of Auditors 11633/12</p> <p>Council Conclusions on Special report No 4/2012 by the European Court of Auditors: 11632/12</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 627/2012 of 10 July 2012 terminating the partial interim review and the expiry review concerning the anti-dumping measures applicable on imports of certain plastic sacks and bags originating in the People's Republic of China and Thailand imposed by Regulation (EC) No 1425/2006 11628/12</p> <p>2012/425/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms 10500/12</p> <p>2012/453/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement 10504/12</p>	

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<p>Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms 11288/12</p>	
<p>2012/401/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms 11413/12</p>	
<p>2012/399/EU: Council Decision of 10 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement 9870/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union in the framework of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea 11724/12</p>	

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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes/Statements made public</b>
<p><b>3182nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES), held in Brussels on 16 July 2012</b></p> <p>Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand 11116/12</p> <p>Council Regulation establishing the deadline in the event of underutilisation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand 11115/12</p> <p>2012/404/EU: Council Decision of 16 July 2012 extending the period of application of the appropriate measures laid down for the Republic of Guinea in Decision 2011/465/EU and amending that Decision 11652/12</p> <p>2012/387/EU: Council Decision of 16 July 2012 extending the period of application of the appropriate measures in Decision 2011/492/EU concluding consultations with the Republic of Guinea-Bissau under Article 96 of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement and amending that Decision 11926/12</p>	

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<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 672/2012 of 16 July 2012 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 791/2011 on imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain open mesh fabrics of glass fibres consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not 11742/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision 2012/392/CFSP of 16 July 2012 on the European Union CSDP mission in Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger) 11659/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision 2012/390/CFSP of 16 July 2012 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative to the African Union 10302/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on Special report No 1/2012 "Effectiveness of European Union development aid for food security in sub-Saharan Africa" 12302/12</p>	
<p>2012/426/CFSP: Political and Security Committee Decision EUCAP NESTOR/1/2012 of 17 July 2012 concerning the appointment of the Head of the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity Building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR) 8780/12</p>	

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<p>Council Decision 2012/391/CFSP of 16 July 2012 amending Decision 2010/279/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN) 11336/12</p>	
<p>Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2012 of 16 July 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 147/2003 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Somalia 7611/12</p>	
<p>Council Regulation (EU) No 641/2012 of 16 July 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain natural or legal persons, entities or bodies, in view of the situation in Somalia 7609/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision 2012/388/CFSP of 16 July 2012 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia 7599/12</p>	
<p>Council Implementing Decision 2012/393/CFSP of 16 July 2012 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan 12038/12</p>	

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<p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 705/2012 of 1 August 2012 implementing Article 11(4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan 12039/12</p> <p><b>3183rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 23 July 2012</b></p> <p>Council Decision 2012/421/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction 11772/12</p> <p>Council Decision of on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes 12134/12</p>	

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<p>Council Decision of on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes 12138/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors concerning the reassignment of a part of the unallocated resources of the 10th European Development Fund to Intra-ACP cooperation 12145/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2012, including the 2nd instalment 2012 12344/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Food Assistance Convention 12266/12</p>	
<p>Council Decision 2012/422/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of a process leading to the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East 12274/12</p>	

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<p>Council Decision 2012/423/CFSP of 23 July 2012 in support of ballistic missile non-proliferation in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and of the Council Common Position 2003/805/CFSP 12276/12</p> <p>Council Conclusions on the Process for Ending the Transition in Somalia 12763/12</p> <p>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on the status of the European Union Mission on Regional Maritime Capacity building in the Horn of Africa (EUCAP NESTOR) 12529/12</p> <p>2012/428/EU: Council Decision of 23 July 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas 11044/12</p> <p>2012/443/EU: Council Decision of 23 July 2012 addressed to Spain on specific measures to reinforce financial stability 12450/12</p> <p>Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP of 23 July 2012 implementing Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria 12611/12 + ADD 1 REV 1 + ADD 2 REV 1</p>	



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<p>Council Decision 2012/420/CFSP of 23 July 2012 amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria 11574/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on Zimbabwe 12807/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on Syria 12527/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on Libya 12829/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on Mali/Sahel 12808/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on the Roadmap for Sudan and South Sudan 12770/12</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions on CSDP 12610/12</p>	

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<b>OTHER ACTS</b>	<b>Votes/Statements made public</b>
<p><b>3184th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 24 July 2012</b></p>	
<p>2012/444/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of Banka Slovenije 11897/12</p>	
<p>2012/447/EU: Council Implementing Decision of 24 July 2012 authorising Denmark to introduce a special measure derogating from Article 75 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax 11987/12 + COR 1 (el)</p>	
<p>Council Conclusions Special Report No 6/2012 by the Court of Auditors: "European Union assistance to the Turkish Cypriot community" 12526/12</p>	
<p>2012/451/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XX (Environment) to the EEA Agreement 11697/12</p>	
<p>2012/442/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex II (Technical regulations, standards, testing and certification) to the EEA Agreement 11609/12</p>	

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<p>2012/429/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation on trade in parts and components of motor vehicles between the European Union and the Russian Federation 16806/11</p> <p>2012/434/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of the Russian Federation relating to the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the current EU-Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement 16815/12</p> <p>2012/435/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Russian Federation relating to the introduction or increase of export duties on raw materials 16828/11 + REV 1 (lt)</p> <p>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on an arrangement between the European Union, on the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, on the other part, on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice 11796/1/12 REV 1</p>	

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**Commission Statement on Voting rights**

The Commission continues to take the view that the principle of institutional autonomy prevents third countries (including associated countries) from being granted voting rights in the IT Agency. Accordingly, the Commission maintains its position on this issue, and expressly reserves its right to submit to the Court of Justice before the signature of the envisaged arrangement between the EU and the associated countries on the modalities of their participation in the Agency, a request for an opinion in accordance with Article 218(11) TFEU.

**Commission Statement on Legal bases**

The Commission does not consider it necessary that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis. Authorisations for negotiations should only refer to Article 218(3) and (4) of the TFEU, as proposed by the Commission.

**United Kingdom statement**

The United Kingdom supports this recommendation for a Negotiating Mandate to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the conclusion of arrangements between the European Union, on the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, on the other part, on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the operational management of large-scale information systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (“the IT Agency”). Regulation No 1077/2011 establishing the IT Agency was a measure brought forward under Title V of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the UK’s participation in that Regulation was governed by the application of Protocols No 19 (Schengen Acquis) and No 21 (on the position of the UK and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice) annexed to the TEU and TFEU. Therefore, insofar as any Union Agreement with the relevant States on their participation in the IT Agency includes provisions relating to Eurodac they will only bind the United Kingdom as part of the Union when the UK has notified their wish to participate in the relevant Council Decision for a negotiating mandate in accordance with Protocol No 21. The UK notified its intention to opt into these provisions by way of a letter to the President of the Council dated 11 June 2012.

If, as we hope, the negotiations authorised by this Mandate are successful, the Council Decisions authorising signature and conclusion of the Agreement or Agreements with the States concerned will also engage Protocols 19 and 21, and will therefore only bind the UK if we choose to participate. We call upon the Commission to take this into account when discharging its duties as the Union’s negotiator and when proposing the Decisions to sign and conclude.

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2012/445/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to DNA data in Hungary 11916/12	
2012/446/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to dactyloscopic data in Hungary 11923/12	
2012/469/EU: Council Decision of 24 July 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Administrative Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regarding the draft Regulation on Lane Departure Warning Systems and the draft Regulation on Advanced Emergency Braking Systems Text with EEA relevance 12124/12	
Council Regulation (EU) No 692/2012 of 24 July 2012 amending Regulations (EU) No 43/2012 and (EU) No 44/2012 as regards the protection of the giant manta ray and certain fishing opportunities 11983/12 + REV 1 (de)	

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<p><b>Written procedure completed on 25 July 2012</b></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 693/2012 of 25 July 2012 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 723/2011 (extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 91/2009 on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain iron or steel fasteners consigned from Malaysia, whether declared as originating in Malaysia or not), by granting an exemption from those measures to one Malaysian exporting producer and terminating the registration of imports from that exporting producer 12042/12</p> <p>Council Decision 2012/440/CFSP of 25 July 2012 appointing the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights 10289/12</p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 27 July 2012</b></p> <p>Council Regulation (EU) No 694/2012 of 27 July 2012 establishing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay for the 2012/13 fishing season 12656/12 + COR 1 (fi)</p>	<p>all member states in favour except: abstention: IT</p>

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<p><b>Written procedure completed on 30 July 2012</b></p> <p>Judgments of the General Court - "Aarhus Convention" Case T-338/08 and Case T-396/09 12664/1/12 + COR 1</p> <p><b>Statement by Sweden</b> Sweden would like to stress the importance that the appeal by the Council to the Court of Justice against the judgments of the General Court in the fore mentioned cases is limited to the outlining of the general principles of the competence of the General Court in interpreting the Union's acts in the light of international conventions to which the Union is a party.</p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 1 August 2012</b></p> <p>Council Implementing Decision 2012/454/CFSP of 1 August 2012 implementing Decision 2011/486/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan 12858/12</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 643/2012 of 16 July 2012 implementing Article 11(1) and (4) of Regulation (EU) No 753/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in view of the situation in Afghanistan 12860/12</p>	

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<p><b>Written procedure completed on 2 August 2012</b></p> <p>Council Regulation (EU) No 708/2012 of 2 August 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran 12479/12</p> <p>Council Decision 2012/457/CFSP of 2 August 2012 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran 12477/12 + COR 1 (fi)</p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 709/2012 of 2 August 2012 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran 12481/12 + COR 1 (sl)</p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 3 August 2012</b></p> <p>Council Decision issuing directives to the Commission for the negotiation of the review of the Convention on Nuclear Safety 12897/12 + REV 1(fr) + REV 2 (ro)</p>	



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<p><b>Written procedure completed on 7 August 2012</b></p> <p>2012/470/EU: Council Decision of 7 August 2012 extending the validity of Decision 2012/96/EU and suspending the application of the appropriate measures set out in Decision 2002/148/EC 12884/12</p> <p><b>Written procedure completed on 28 August 2012</b></p> <p>Council Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 585/2012 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine, following a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 13011/12 + COR 1 (lt)</p>	