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"A" ITEM NOTE

from :	Permanent Representatives Committee
on:	9 October 2003
to :	Council

Subject :	ENLARGEMENT
	- Adoption of Council Conclusions on Code of Conduct for Business Taxation

1. The Permanent Representatives Committee approved the Report elaborated by the Enlargement Group (Tax Experts) on the Code of Conduct for Business Taxation – Harmful tax measures in the acceding States and commitments for rollback (doc. 13213/03 ELARG 94 FISC 138).
2. In this light, the Council is invited to adopt the conclusions set out in Annex.

Code of Conduct for Business Taxation

DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

The Council welcomes the work accomplished by the Enlargement Group (Tax Experts) in establishing a list of tax measures in the acceding States which are harmful and which must be eliminated or amended in order to bring their corporate tax systems in line with the principles of the Code of Conduct for business taxation by the date of accession. The Council takes note of the report of the Group, as set out in doc. 13213/03 ELARG 94 FISC 138 and agrees that the rollback measures envisaged or already undertaken by the acceding States are adequate to either remove the harmful features or to abolish the harmful tax measure concerned for 27 of the 30 measures listed in the Annex to doc. 13213/03 ELARG 94 FISC 138. The Council invites the Commission to take the report into account in the monitoring of the acceding States' commitments and in its comprehensive monitoring reports to be presented by the Commission on 5 November 2003.
