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- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in September 2006. This is accompanied by statements in the minutes which may be released to the public (**Annex II**). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, explanations of vote, and the voting rules applicable;
- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts¹ by the Council in September 2006, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of vote and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

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TITLES OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2750th Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 September 2006				
Council Regulation laying down specific measures for agriculture in favour of the smaller Aegean islands and amending Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003	11704/1/06 REV 1 + COR 1 (sv) + REV 2 (fi)	127/06, 128/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector	11873/06	129/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Decision of the European Parliament and the Council on the financing of European standardisation	PE-CONS 3619/06 + REV 1 (fi)		Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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2751th Council meeting on COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 25 September 2006				
Council Regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No 4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 to maritime transport, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 as regards the extension of its scope to include cabotage and international tramp services	11308/06 + REV 1 (lt)	130/06, 131/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Decision authorising the United Kingdom to introduce a special measure derogating from Articles 5(6) and 11(A)(1)(b) of Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	12575/06		Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community action for the European Capital of Culture event for the years 2007 to 2019	PE-CONS 3611/06 + COR 1 (lv) + COR 2 + REV 2 (fi) + REV 2 COR 1 (fi)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

STATEMENT 127/06

Statement by the Greek delegation

Statement by Evangelos BASIAKOS, Minister for Rural Development and Food

"Mr President, Madam Commissioner,

I should like to welcome today's decision by the Council to adopt specific support measures for agriculture on the smaller Aegean islands.

At the same time, I should like to thank the Presidency, the Commission and the European Parliament, for the methodical and efficient way in which they have worked for the prompt adoption of today's Regulation.

Agricultural production on the smaller Aegean islands faces severe difficulties, resulting from their geographical remoteness, small area, climate, limited physical resources, rugged terrain, difficult communications throughout the winter, etc., which call for targeted support and the continued manifestation of Community solidarity.

I should like to stress in particular that, above all, the inclination of the islands' inhabitants to remain where they are, as guardians, and to cultivate their land, is the best guarantee for the effectiveness of the measures we have laid down and for their improvement in the future, if this is required.

Support for the traditional local agricultural production and facilitation of the supply of food and agricultural products constitute important lines of strategic action, for the purpose of economic, social, environmental and cultural equilibrium and also for the development of the group of smaller Aegean islands.

Many thanks to all my colleagues."

STATEMENT 128/06

Statement by the Greek delegation

Statement by Aristotelis PAVLIDIS, Minister for the Aegean and Island Policy

"Mr President,

In my capacity as Minister responsible for the islands of the Aegean and, more generally, carrying out island policy in Greece, I should like to thank you for adopting the Regulation laying down specific measures in support of our island farmers.

The recognition by the Presidency, the Commission and the European Parliament of the need to take measures which contribute towards supporting agricultural activity on all the Aegean islands has special significance for us, which is not limited only to the economic aspect of your decision.

I regard the Council's position mainly as an expression of its decision to promote principles such as social and economic, but also territorial, cohesion.

It is essential to achieve such "cohesion" in the Greek islands in particular.

In Greece for this reason we apply an Integrated Island Policy, which decisions such as this one, adopting a Regulation laying down specific measures for the support of agriculture in all the small Aegean islands, strengthen and make more effective, while at the same time making the policy a benchmark for other Community institutions responsible for planning and carrying out European Regional Policy.

Colleagues, I would again like to thank you for your understanding and I look forward to seeing you on the Greek islands."

STATEMENT 129/06

Statement by the Commission

" With the entry into force of the financial Regulation (EC) No 1605/2003 from 1 January 2007 some agricultural negative expenditure become assigned revenue.

Article 34 of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 defines which revenues are to be considered as assigned revenue which "..... in the event of reuse, shall be used exclusively to finance EAGF expenditure".

Paragraph 1(b) of Article 34 defines superlevy as an assigned revenue. These provisions supersede Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003."

STATEMENT 130/06

Statement by the Commission on Guidelines

"The regulation adopted today repeals Council Regulation No EEC/4056/86 laying down detailed rules for the application of Articles 85 and 86 (now 81 and 82) of the Treaty to maritime transport and in particular abolishes the liner conference block exemption. It also amends Council Regulation No 1/2003 on the implementation of the rules of competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty by extending its scope to cover cabotage and tramp vessel services.

Given that competition rules have never fully applied to the liner sector and in order to provide guidance to market participants, including in the tramp sector, the Commission will issue Guidelines, in consultation with all stakeholders, on the application of the competition rules to maritime transport services. The Guidelines will be issued before the end of the transitional period of two years for existing liner shipping conferences."

STATEMENT 131/06

Statement by the Greek delegation on the extension of the scope of the draft Regulation to include cabotage and international tramp services

"Greece would like to thank the Commission for the statement submitted regarding the issuance of guidelines for this subject. We agree with the proposed text, however we would be grateful if the Commission, while drafting the guidelines, took into account the amendments submitted by the European Parliament regarding the two year transitional period after the entry into force (Amendment 3). Furthermore, the Commission is requested to present to the European Parliament and the Council a transparent overview of the position of third countries regarding the new European policy on liners services (Amendment 6)."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedures completed on 1 September 2006	
Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Community, of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part 11516/06 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (nl) + COR 4 (es) + COR 5 (fi) + COR 6 (sv) + COR 7 (mt) + COR 8 (hu) + COR 9 (sk) + COR 10 (it) + COR 11 (et) + COR 12 (hu) + COR 13 (lv) + COR 14 (pl) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1470/2001 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of integrated electronic compact fluorescent lamps (CFL-i) originating in the People's Republic of China 12178/06	
Written procedure completed on 7 September 2006	
Council Joint Action amending and extending Joint Action 2005/643/CFSP on the European Union Monitoring Mission in Aceh (Indonesia) (Aceh Monitoring Mission – AMM) 12165/06	
Written procedure completed on 8 September 2006	
Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of chamois leather originating in the People's Republic of China 12202/06	Against: Finland

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedure completed on 14 September 2006 Common Position adopted by the Council on 24 July 2006 with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the certification of train drivers operating locomotives and trains on the railway system in the Community 5893/2/06 REV 2 + REV 3 (fr) + REV 4 (sl) 2748th Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 15 September 2006 Council Decision adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure 11423/06 + COR 1 + COR 2 (lv) Operation EUFOR RD Congo • Council Decision concerning a contribution by the Swiss Confederation to the European Union military operation in support of the United Nations Organisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) during the election process (Operation EUFOR RD Congo) 12135/06 • Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of the Swiss Confederation on the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European Union military operation in support of the United Nations Organisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) during the election process (Operation EUFOR RD Congo) 12141/06 + REV 1 (en) Council Decision concerning the extension of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Government of Indonesia on the tasks, status, privileges and immunities of the European Union Monitoring Mission in Aceh (Indonesia) (Aceh Monitoring Mission – AMM) and its personnel 12166/06	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Joint Action on the establishment of a EU-team to contribute to the preparations of the establishment of a possible International Civilian Mission in Kosovo, including a European Union Special Representative component (ICM/EUSR Preparation Team) 12159/06 + COR 1 (hu) Council Common Position amending Common Position 2005/440/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic Republic of Congo 12256/06 Council Common Position concerning a prohibition on the sale or supply of arms and related materiel and on the provision of related services to entities or individuals in Lebanon in accordance with UNSC Resolution 1701 (2006) 12257/06 2750th Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 18 September 2006 Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Paraguay on certain aspects of air services 11839/06 + REV 1 (pl) + REV 2 (lt) + REV 2 COR 1 (lt) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (fi) + REV 5 (sk) + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (it) + COR 4 (da) + COR 5 (el) + COR 6 (es) + COR 7 (mt) + COR 8 (es) Common Position adopted by the Council on 18 September 2006 with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on driving licences (Recast) 9010/06 + COR 1 (lt) + COR 2 (fi) + ADD 1, 12216/06 + COR 1 + ADD 1	Abstention : United Kingdom

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of minors and human dignity and on the right of reply in relation to the competitiveness of the European audiovisual and on-line information services industry 9577/06 + COR 1 (lv) + ADD 1, 12218/06 + COR 1 + ADD 1 Council Common position adopted by the Council on 18 September 2006 with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality 10351/06 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (fr) + ADD 1, 12220/06 + COR 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 (pt) 2751th Council meeting on COMPETITIVENESS (Internal Market, Industry and Research) on 25 September 2006 Council Decision concerning the conclusion, by the Commission, of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ITER International Fusion Energy Organisation for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project, of the Arrangement on Provisional Application of the Agreement on the Establishment of the ITER International Fusion Energy Organisation for the Joint Implementation on the ITER Project and of the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ITER International Fusion Energy Organisation for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project 12731/06 Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade 12487/06 Council Regulation concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Lebanon 12354/06	Abstention : United Kingdom

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 817/2006 renewing the restrictive measures in respect of Burma/Myanmar and repealing Regulation (EC) No 798/2004 12353/06 + COR 1 (sv) Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union 8031/06 Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia, and the Slovak Republic to the European Union 8027/06 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1676/2001 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of polyethylene terephthalate film originating in India and the Republic of Korea 12372/06 + REV 1 (lt) Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain plastic sacks and bags originating in the People's Republic of China and Thailand, and terminating the proceeding on imports of certain plastic sacks and bags originating in Malaysia 12375/06 + REV 1 (lt)	Against: Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Latvia, Sweden, United Kingdom Abstention: Germany, Estonia, Finland, Malta

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013) 12032/06 + COR 1 (da) + REV 1 (hu) + ADD 1 REV 1, 12688/06 + ADD 1 REV 1	Against: Austria, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the law applicable to non-contractual obligations ("ROME II") 9751/06 + COR 1 (sl) + COR 2 (el) + COR 3 (fr) + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (it) + REV 3 (lt) + REV 4 (lv) + REV 5 (de) + REV 6 (fi) + ADD 1, 12219/06 + ADD 1	Against: Estonia, Latvia
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing for the period 2007-2013 the programme "Europe for Citizens" to promote active European citizenship 9575/06 + COR 1 (lv) + COR 2 (hu) + COR 3 (da) + COR 4 (fr) + ADD 1 REV 1, 12217/1/06 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1	Abstention: United Kingdom, Lithuania, Portugal
