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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in November 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 ¹ adopted by the Council in November 2000, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

¹ 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.

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
2301st Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 7 November 2000				
Council Decision amending Decision 2000/24/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in Croatia	12339/00			
2302nd Council (Environment) on 7 November 2000				
Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products	12398/00 + COR 1 (fi)			
2303rd Council (Education/Youth) on 9 November 2000				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing for 2000 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required	12500/00			

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE	
2304th Council (Development) on 10 November 2000				
Council Decision authorising France to apply an exemption from excise duty for certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	9900/00			
Council Regulation maintaining a freeze of funds in relation to Mr. Milosevic and those persons associated with him and repealing Regulations (EC) Nos 1294/1999 and 607/2000 and Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 926/98	12993/00 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fi)			
2305th Council (Research) on 16 November 2000				
Council Regulation amending Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff	12419/00 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (de)			

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2306th Council (Fisheries) on 17 November 2000				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2742/1999 fixing, for 2000, the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters subject to catch limits	13156/00			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1626/94 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of marine resources in the Mediterranean	12073/00	109/00		
Council Regulation establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of the stock of cod in the Irish Sea (ICES Division VIIa)	9106/00 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (es) + COR 3			Contre F
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products	12502/00			

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2309th Council (Agriculture) on 20 November 2000				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3448/93 laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products	8043/00	110/00, 111/00		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 95/53/EC fixing the principles governing the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition	PE-CONS 3650/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (it)			
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the incineration of waste	PE-CONS 3641/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (sv) + COR 4 (de)			
Council Directive laying down specific provisions for the control and eradication of bluetongue	12701/00	112/00, 113/00, 114/00		

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Council Decision amending Article 3 of Decision 98/198/EC authorising the United Kingdom to extend application of a measure derogating from Articles 6 and 17 of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	12737/00 + REV 1 (sv)			
2313rd Council (Employment/Social Affairs) on 27 November 2000				
Council Decision establishing a Community action programme to combat discrimination (2001 – 2006)	12618/00 + COR 1 (fr) + COR 2 + COR 3 (en,el,es,fi,sv) + COR 4 (sv)	115/00, 116/00		
Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation	12617/00 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (en) + COR 3 (de) + COR 4 (dk) + COR 5 (es) + REV 1 (sv)			

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
Council Directive concerning the European Agreement on the Organisation of Working Time of Mobile Workers in Civil Aviation concluded by the Association of European Airlines (AEA), the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), the European Cockpit Association (ECA), the European Regions Airline Association (ERA) and the International Air Carrier Association (IACA)	12616/00 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (sv)	117/00, 118/00, 119/00	
2315th Council (Internal Market/Consumers/Tourism) on 30 November 2000			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data	PE-CONS 3653/00 + COR 1 REV 1 (en) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (it) + COR 4 (dk) + COR 5 (fi) + COR 6 (sv) + REV 1 (es)	120/00, 121/00, 122/00, 123/00	

STATEMENT 109/00

"The Council and the Commission state that in the revision of the Common Fisheries Policy special attention will be paid to the fisheries situation in the Mediterranean, and in particular to the desirability of reviewing the technical conservation measures in force."

STATEMENT 110/00

Commission statement

"The Commission is pleased that the Council has adopted most of the European Parliament amendments accepted by the Commission. However, it regrets that the Council has decided not to adopt a number of amendments supported by the Commission."

STATEMENT 111/00

Statement by the German delegation

"The sector of non-Annex I goods is an extremely important and sensitive area in economic and in agricultural policy terms. In compliance with WTO commitments it is therefore necessary to proceed with extreme caution and do everything possible to ensure that the flow of exports of those goods is as steady as possible. It is a question of preserving the competitiveness of the EU processing industry on third-country markets. The production of added value and jobs must remain within the European Union.

The disadvantages arising from the reduction of the refunds budget must therefore be offset.

Offering the possibility of using inward processing arrangements without an examination of economic conditions in addition to the inward processing arrangements under Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92, which the Commission has guaranteed will be retained, is the right approach and should now be put into practice in the implementing rules.

The implementing rules must ensure that firms in the processing industry have access to raw materials on the world market in sufficient quantity and of sufficient quality to enable them to make reliable long-term calculations and to keep their administrative burden to a minimum.

Our opinion, and that of the majority of the European food industry, is that this can best be achieved by a system based on the value of raw materials.

The German delegation asks that this be taken into account as far as possible in the implementing rules.

On this understanding the German delegation approves the proposal for a Regulation."

STATEMENT 112/00

Council statement

"The Council requests the Commission to conduct a thorough analysis and to submit a report on the role, missions and respective powers conferred on national laboratories and Community reference laboratories."

STATEMENT 113/00

Council Statement

"The Council requests the Commission (in the context of the forthcoming review of Council Decision 90/424/EEC) to consider what should be done with animals which die in the course of an epidemic."

STATEMENT 114/00

Statement by the Greek delegation

"Greece, which has considerable experience in combating bluetongue and has achieved a certain degree of success in this area, hereby enters a reservation on the Commission proposal for a Directive as it considers that the effectiveness of some of the measures proposed is doubtful and is no longer fully borne out from a scientific point of view."

STATEMENT 115/00

Re Article 5(1)(e) and Annex III, strand 2.2

"The Council and the Commission state that in establishing criteria for annual support for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in combating discrimination, the Committee will ensure that the opinion it delivers guarantees that the Community subsidy is as cost-effective as possible."

STATEMENT 116/00

Re Article 10

"The Commission states that the inclusion of an article on funding is inappropriate in this decision adopted in consultation with the European Parliament and it would refer to point 34 of the Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 May 1999 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure to the effect that legislative instruments concerning multiannual programmes not subject to the co-decision procedure will not contain an "amount deemed necessary ". The Commission therefore deplores the fact that the Council has included such a financial reference in a new Article and points out that it will be taken as illustrating the will of the legislative authority and will not affect the powers of the budgetary authority as defined by the Treaty."

STATEMENT 117/00

Re deleted Article on sanctions

"The Commission and the Spanish delegation wish to point out that although it is for the Member States to determine the penalties applicable to infringements of national provisions adopted in application of this Directive, those penalties must, in accordance with the case law of the Court of Justice, be effective, proportionate and dissuasive."

STATEMENT 118/00

Re information given by the Commission

"The Council takes note, in these minutes, of the information given by the Commission."

STATEMENT 119/00

Re information given by the Commission

"The Commission provided this information – on the basis of information given by the social partners – solely to facilitate discussions. This information in no way constitutes interpretations of the Agreement."

STATEMENT 120/00

Re Article 3(1)

"The Commission is not opposing limitation of the scope of this Regulation to activities all or part of which fall within the scope of Community law solely in order to ensure that it is approved at first reading, in view of the importance of swiftly introducing appropriate rules for the processing of personal data by the institutions and bodies of the European Community.

The Commission notes that personal data are processed by the institutions under Titles V and VI of the Treaty on European Union. It considers it necessary to make such processing subject to clear and certain legal rules on the protection of personal data.

The Commission asserts that such rules can be adopted on the basis of Article 286 of the Treaty establishing the European Community. It considers that this basis covers the processing of data by Community institutions and bodies in all cases where they act, including the case of activities under Titles V and VI of the Treaty on European Union. It does not therefore agree with the Council's interpretation that Article 286 of the Treaty establishing the European Community covers only the activities governed by that Treaty.

The Commission reserves the right to submit other legislative initiatives to that effect. It also reserves the right to make the processing of personal data by the Commission in the context of activities under Titles V and VI of the Treaty on European Union subject to the principles contained in this Regulation until rules applicable to such processing have been established."

STATEMENT 121/00

Re SECTION 2 (Articles 5 to 8)

"The Austrian delegation is of the opinion that the provisions of Article 5, in conjunction with Article 8, and of Article 6(1) and Article 7(3) limit the legal use of data in a manner which is not required by Directive 95/46/EC. Accordingly, these provisions cannot be considered either as a benchmark for the implementation of the above Directive or as a precedent for future national provisions."

STATEMENT 122/00

Re SECTION 2 (Articles 5 to 8)

"The German delegation considers that the Directive does not require the specified purposes to be observed strictly and without exception and that, therefore, Article 6(1) and Article 7(3) cannot serve as a criterion on for the transposition of the Directive and do not constitute a precedent for future legislation."

STATEMENT 123/00

Re Article 28(2)

"The European Supervisor is responsible for monitoring application of Community acts of the Institutions on the protection of personal data. His opinion is therefore important for the legislative process. However, it is also essential that the Commission's right of legislative initiative should be respected. Consequently, Article 28(2) must be interpreted as imposing an obligation to consult the Supervisor only after adoption of the Commission proposal."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2301st Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 7 November 2000 Council Regulation establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural products and providing for an adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of certain agricultural concessions provided for in the Europe Agreement with Slovenia Doc. 12343/00 2302nd Council (Environment) on 7 November 2000 Decision of the Council concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine Doc. 12404/00 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on national emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants Doc. 10674/00 + COR 1 (fi) Council Decision on the accession by the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 67 on the approval of special equipment for motor vehicles fuelled by liquefied petroleum gas Doc. 5991/99 Council Decision authorising the Kingdom of Spain to extend until 7 March 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa Doc. 9981/00 Council Decision authorising the Portuguese Republic to extend until 9 April 2001 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa Doc. 9986/00	

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2303rd Council (Education/Youth) on 9 November 2000 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European cooperation in quality evaluation in school education Doc. 11540/00 + COR 1 (fi) Textiles • Council Regulation establishing, pursuant to Article 1(7) of Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93, the list of textiles and clothing products to be integrated into GATT 1994 on 1 January 2002 and amending Annex X to Regulation (EEC) No 3030/93 and Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 3285/94 Doc. 11115/00 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 limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants Doc. 11070/00 + COR 1(es) + COR 2 (fi) 2304th Council (Development) on 10 November 2000 Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the closure and liquidation of projects adopted by the Commission under Regulation (EC) No 213/96 on the implementation of the European Communities investment partners financial instrument for the countries of Latin America, Asia, the Mediterranean region and South Africa Doc. 12280/00 + COR 1 (fi) Council Common Position on the maintenance of specific restrictive measures directed against Mr Milosevic and persons associated with him Doc. 12381/00 + COR 1 (fi) Council Decision implementing Common Position concerning the maintenance of specific restrictive measures against Mr Milosevic and persons associated with him Doc. 12643/00 + COR 1 (fi)	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system Doc. 10185/00 2305th Council (Research) on 16 November 2000 Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology between the European Community and the Government of the Russian Federation Docs 10953/99, 10955/99 Council Joint Action on the holding of a meeting of Heads of State or of Government in Zagreb (Zagreb Summit) Doc. 13281/00 Council Resolution on making a reality of the European area of Research and Innovation: guidelines for the European Union's Research Activities (2002-2006) Doc. 13952/00 Council Resolution on a European space strategy Doc. 13953/00 2306th Council (Fisheries) on 17 November 2000 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to heating systems for motor vehicles and their trailers, amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC and repealing Council Directive 78/548/EEC Doc. 7074/00 + COR 1	

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2308th Council (General Affairs) on 20 November 2000 Council Decision repealing Council Decision 1999/320/CFSP on a European Union contribution to the collection and destruction of weapons in Albania Doc. 12746/00 Common Position amending Common Position 96/184/CFSP concerning arms exports to the former Yugoslavia Doc. 13196/00 Council Decision extending and amending Decision 1999/730/CFSP concerning a European Union contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons in Cambodia Doc. 13252/00 <u>Council and Commission statement made public</u> <i>"The Council and the Commission agree that, without prejudice to Article 2, the Project Manager shall report fully to, and be supervised by, the Commission on the activities to be undertaken in the framework of his contract."</i> Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2007/2000 by extending to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the European Union's Stabilisation and Association process and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 Doc. 13010/00 Council Decision on the conclusion of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning the suspension of Title II on trade and trade-related provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Doc. 13013/1/00 REV 1	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 393/98 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of stainless steel fasteners and parts thereof originating, inter alia, in the People's Republic of China Doc. 12870/00 Council Decision amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks Doc. 12208/00 2311th Council (Culture/Audiovisual Affairs) on 23 November 2000 Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the People's Republic of China initialled in Beijing on 19 May 2000 amending the Agreement between them on trade in textile products and amending the Agreement between them initialled on 19 January 1995 on trade in textile products not covered by the MFA bilateral Agreement, and authorising its provisional application Doc. 12516/00 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA – Training) (2001-2005) Doc. 10939/00 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (en) + COR 3 + REV 1 (sv) Council Decision on the appointment of two members of the selection panel for the "European Capital of Culture" Community action Doc. 13108/00 + COR 1 (en) 2312th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 27 November 2000 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 772/1999 imposing definitive anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of farmed Atlantic salmon originating in Norway Doc. 13023/00	

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Council Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain electronic weighing scales (REWS) originating in the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan Doc. 13006/00 Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and Thailand Doc. 12824/00 Council Regulation imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in India, Malaysia and Thailand and terminating the anti-subsidy proceeding concerning imports of certain polyethylene terephthalate originating in Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan Doc. 12796/00 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 on financial and technical measures to accompany (MEDA) the reform of economic and social structures in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership Doc. 12226/00 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (sv) Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of Finland Doc. 13910/00 Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of the Netherlands Doc. 13911/00 Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of Germany Doc. 13912/00	

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2314th Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 30 November 2000 Council Recommendation to Member States in respect of Europol's assistance to joint investigative teams set up by the Member States Doc. 11849/00 Council Act drawing up on the basis of Article 43(1) of the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) of a Protocol amending Article 2 and the Annex to that Convention Doc. 12999/00 Council Decision on declassifying certain parts of the Common Manual adopted by the Executive Committee established by the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 Doc. 13267/00 2315th Council (Internal Market/Consumers/Tourism) on 30 November 2000 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/308/EEC on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering Doc. 12469/00 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (sv)	

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