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- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in October 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 adopted by the Council in October 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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¹ 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.

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TITLE OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2752nd Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5 and 6 October 2006				
Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to confiscation orders	14622/04 + COR 1 + COR 2 (lv) + COR 3 + COR 4 (hu) + COR 5 (nl) + COR 6 (da) + REV 1 (pt) + REV 1 COR 1 (pt) + REV 2 (de) + REV 2 COR 1 (de)	132/06, 133/06, 134/06, 135/06, 136/06	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Decision on the establishment of a mutual information mechanism concerning Member States' measures in the areas of asylum and immigration	12758/06 + COR 1 (el)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Council Decision amending Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions on the visa requirements for holders of Indonesian diplomatic and service passports	12853/06		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Directive on the exemption from taxes of imports of small consignments of goods of a non-commercial character from third countries (codified version)	8447/06 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (lt) + COR 3 (fi) + COR 4 (es)		Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation laying down special measures to encourage silkworm rearing (codified version)	8448/06 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (pt) + COR 3 (et) + COR 4 (lv) + COR 5 (lt) + COR 6 (hu) + COR 7 (pl) + COR 8 (sk) + COR 9 (sl)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on local border traffic at the external land borders of the Member States and amending the provisions of the Schengen Convention	PE-CONS 3607/06 + REV 1 (pl)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2754th Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 12 October 2006				
Council Regulation on the conditions for certain import quotas of high-quality beef	13096/06 + COR 1 (fi)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the second "Marco Polo" programme for the granting of Community financial assistance to improve the environmental performance of the freight transport system ("Marco Polo II") and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1382/2003	PE-CONS 3620/06 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (nl) + COR 3 (cs) + REV 1 (lv) + REV 2 (lt) + REV 3 (mt)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (2007-2013)	PE-CONS 3622/06 + COR 1 (fr) + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (lv) + REV 1 (lt) + REV 2 (es) + REV 3 (cs)	137/06, 138/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods	PE-CONS 3617/06 + COR 1 + REV 1 (lt) + REV 1 COR 1 (lt) + REV 2 (pl) + REV 2 COR 1 (pl) + REV 3 (fr) + REV 4 (lv) + REV 5 (et) + REV 6 (de)	139/06, 140/06, 141/06, 142/06, 143/06, 144/06, 145/06, 146/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except Against: Denmark
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on nutrition and health claims made on foods	PE-CONS 3616/5/06 REV 5 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (da) + COR 3 (sv) + REV 6 (et) + REV 7 (nl) + REV 8 (lt)	147/06, 148/06, 149/06, 150/06, 151/06, 152/06, 153/06, 154/06, 155/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except Against: Denmark, Sweden Abstention: Ireland, Netherlands

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2755th Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 16 and 17 October 2006				
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument	PE-CONS 3633/06 + COR 1 + COR 2 (es) + COR 3 (hu) + COR 4 (et) + COR 5 (de)	156/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2757th Council meeting (Environment) on 23 October 2006				
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and repealing Council Directive 82/714/EEC	PE-CONS 3629/06	157/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medicinal products for paediatric use and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1768/92, Directive 2001/20/EC, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004	PE-CONS 3623/06 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (cs) + REV 1 (lv) + REV 2 (hu) + REV 3 (mt) + REV 4 (hu) + REV 5 (hu)	158/06, 159/06, 160/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation 2758th Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 24 and 25 October 2006	PE-CONS 3632/06 + COR 1 (fi)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except Abstention: Sweden
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90, as regards the derogation on egg washing	13515/06		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals	11870/06 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fi)	161/06, 162/06, 163/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Decision amending Decision 90/424/EEC on expenditure in the veterinary field	11871/06		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1207/2001 as regards the consequences of the introduction of the system of pan-Euro-Mediterranean cumulation of origin	11463/06 + COR 2 (it) + COR 3 (el) + COR 4 (pt) + COR 5 (mt) + REV 1 COR 1 (nl) + REV 2 (sl) + REV 3 (de) + REV 4 (cs)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 51/2006 as regards provisions on vessels engaged in illegal, unreported and unregulated fisheries in the North-East Atlantic	13729/06		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

STATEMENT 132/06

Statement by the Council in relation to recital 15

"Consideration shall be given to the possible introduction of an additional instrument dealing with the return of property to its rightful owner."

STATEMENT 133/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council declares that among those fundamental legal principles that are referred to in the present Framework Decision are principles relating to democracy, legality, equality, freedom of thought, speech and expression, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly and association."

STATEMENT 134/06

Statement by the Council

"The definition of Article 2(h) safeguards that the ground for refusal in Article 8(2)(f) may not obstruct the recognition and execution of confiscation orders in case the criminal proceedings leading to a confiscation order involve both the predicate offence committed in the issuing State and the subsequent money laundering that may have taken place in the territory of the executing State or elsewhere outside the issuing state. By prescribing that in such cases the locus of the predicate offence is determinative for the recognition and execution of the confiscation order the aim of this Framework Decision is served without affecting the principle of territoriality."

STATEMENT 135/06

Statement by Austria in accordance with Article 7(5):

"In accordance with Article 7(5), Austria declares that its competent authorities will not recognise and execute confiscation orders under circumstances where confiscation of the property was ordered under the extended powers of confiscation referred to in Article 2(d)(iv)."

STATEMENT 136/06

Statement by Austria in accordance with Article 19(2):

"In accordance with Article 19(2), Austria declares that it will accept certificates drawn up in or accompanied by a translation into another official language of the Institutions of the European Communities than the German language on the basis of reciprocity, that means under the condition that the issuing Member State accepts certificates drawn up in or accompanied by a translation into German when acting as executing Member State."

STATEMENT 137/06

Statement by the United Kingdom delegation on Articles 27, 28 and 29

"The UK understands that the ICT policy support part of the programme is one way to contribute to achieving the objectives of the i2010 Strategy. The UK welcomes the Commission's intention to build on the lessons learned from the eContent, eTEN and MODINIS programmes. In this context, the UK is not convinced that projects under eTEN have proved their worth and would prefer to see the objectives in this area taken forward by other measures, such as best practice actions and thematic networks (as currently funded through the MODINIS programme), that do not require such a high level of funding. However, UK understands that under CIP ICT actions will be taken forward differently to those under existing programmes."

STATEMENT 138/06

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission would draw the legislative authority's attention to the need, by the time of final publication in the OJ, for the financial envelope referred to in the basic act to be quoted at current prices. That is the usual budgetary practice and serves to make compliance with the legislative authority's decision quite clear. For the CIP, the figure at current prices amounts to EUR 3 621,3 million."

STATEMENT 139/06

Statement by the Council and the Commission

"The Council and the Commission declare that any claim (message or representation, which is not mandatory under Community or national legislation, including pictorial, graphic or symbolic representation) related to the addition of vitamins and minerals such as: "with ...", "restored in ...", "added ...", enriched" should be considered as having the same meaning for consumers as the claim "source of ..." as defined in the Annex to the Regulation on nutrition and health claims made on foods."

STATEMENT 140/06

Statement by the Commission

"In the framework of Article 4 on Restrictions on the addition of vitamins and minerals (second indent) the Commission will examine the possible addition of food categories such as confectionery."

STATEMENT 141/06

Statement by the Commission

"In the framework of its reflection on the revision of Directive 90/496/EEC on nutrition labelling of foodstuffs, the Commission has the intention to consider the following elements in relation to vitamins and minerals:

- revising/updating reference values included in the Annex to Directive 90/496/EEC and the levels that may be considered as significant amounts,
- establishing tolerance levels for acceptable variation from the declared value of added vitamins and minerals on the nutrition label.

Any modification to the compulsory elements of nutritional labelling that may be adopted in the future revision of the nutrition labelling Directive will be consequently reflected in Article 7(3) of the Regulation on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods.

The Commission has the intention to present as soon as possible and in any case within two years following the adoption of the Regulation a proposal for the establishment of maximum/minimum amounts of vitamins and minerals and any conditions for their addition to food as referred to in Article 6(2)."

STATEMENT 142/06

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission confirms that additional wording for the labelling, designed to draw the attention of particular categories of consumer to the specific risks which certain substances may present for them, can be envisaged as a condition when the maximum content for certain substances listed in Annex I is fixed, if such wording is justified by public-health protection considerations."

STATEMENT 143/06

Statement by Sweden

"Sweden supports the common position with regard to the Regulation on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods.

The negative list of categories of foodstuffs which may not be fortified will be extendable at a later date, but Sweden considers that further categories could be added immediately, particularly confectionery. Fortification should not, in our view, be extended to categories of food with little or no nutritional value or, for example, to foodstuffs with a high fat or sugar content.

Given the growing problem of obesity and other common diet-related diseases, dietary and health aspects should be taken into account when harmonising the rules on the fortification of foodstuffs within the EU.

A further reason to prohibit the fortification of confectionery is that children consume large quantities of such foodstuffs and it can be difficult to restrict their exposure. In addition, consumers may become confused if products such as confectionery are given the appearance of being wholesome by virtue of being fortified.

Sweden wants to ensure that internal market harmonisation is achieved with due regard for safety and public health. It is important to agree on principles that will safeguard consumers' need for safe products that do not mislead them. Sweden will therefore continue to argue in favour of this approach during further work on this proposal on the addition of vitamins and minerals to foodstuffs."

STATEMENT 144/06

Statement by France

re Article 4

"To avoid foods being placed on the market which are poor sources of vitamin and mineral enrichment, the French delegation emphasises the importance which it attaches to the principle of drawing up nutritional profiles in the context of the Regulation on nutritional and health claims. It also wishes to stress its concern that full and accurate information be provided to consumers, and would like this issue to be re-examined, as a priority, when the Annex to the Regulation on nutritional and health claims is revised. Lastly, it wishes to stress the importance it attaches to the revision of Directive 90/496/EC on nutrition labelling, which the Commission has undertaken to carry out in the near future.

Our delegation's objective is, by means of these various provisions, to be able to inform consumers fully concerning the composition and nutritional value of foods."

STATEMENT 145/06

Statement by France

re Chapter III

"The French delegation can agree to Chapter III on the addition of certain other substances, provided that the situation as regards these substances is assessed in the Commission report referred to in Article 16. It reserves the option, however, if necessary, of requesting the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of Article 8(2), to take a decision to list one or more of these substances in Part A or B of Annex III."

STATEMENT 146/06

Statement by France

re Annex I

"The French delegation wishes to state that its agreement to Annex I is without prejudice to its future position on maximum quantities, in particular with regard to vitamin K and fluoride."

STATEMENT 147/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council recognises that children have become an important target for advertising including in the food sector.

It notes that, according to the recently adopted Directive on unfair commercial practices, the inclusion in an advertisement of a "direct exhortation to children to buy advertised products or persuade their parents or other adults to buy advertised products for them" is considered as a practice which shall in all circumstances be regarded as unfair.

Moreover, the Council has called upon Member States and, where appropriate, the Commission ¹, to conceive and implement initiatives aimed at promoting healthy diets and physical activity by ensuring, among others, that consumers are not misled by advertising, marketing and promotion activities, and that especially the credulity of children and their limited experience with the media is not exploited.

Considering the above, the Council invites the Commission to include, in the context of the evaluation report to be submitted in accordance with Article 27, the effects which nutrition and health claims might have on children accompanied, if necessary, by appropriate proposals."

¹ Council conclusions on obesity, nutrition and physical activity, as adopted on 3 June 2005 (9803/05).

STATEMENT 148/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council notes that the Commission has asked the Authority for an opinion on claims related to "omega-3 fatty acid source", "high in omega-3 fatty acids", "high unsaturated fat", "high monounsaturated fat" and "high polyunsaturated fat".

The Council invites the Commission to take the necessary steps as soon as possible, once the opinion becomes available, to amend the Annex to the Regulation as appropriate.

In addition, the Council invites the Commission to consider amendments of the Annex with respect to specific conditions applicable to "low fat" meat."

STATEMENT 149/06

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission recalls that national technical standards and specifications in the area of non-beneficial claims will have to be notified to the Commission and other Member States pursuant to Directive 98/34/EC. In conformity with the Treaty, in particular Articles 28 to 30, the Commission will pay particular attention to make sure that these standards and specifications do not introduce de jure or de facto barriers to Community trade of food products."

STATEMENT 150/06

Statement by the Commission

"Following the invitation of the Council the Commission agrees, in the context of amendments to the Annex, to examine possible clarifications of the claim "source of [name of vitamin/s] and/or [name of mineral/s]".

STATEMENT 151/06

Statement by the United Kingdom

"Calling to mind the two challenges brought by the United Kingdom against the use of Article 95 EC as a legal base, the United Kingdom records its disagreement with the use of Article 95 EC as the appropriate legal base for this measure. It believes Article 308 EC should have been used instead."

STATEMENT 152/06

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom has a scheme which encourages consumption of five portions of fruit and vegetables a day. The United Kingdom considers that simple messages relating to campaigns of this kind by public authorities to encourage the healthy eating of certain foods, in particular recommended numbers of portions of fruit and vegetables to be consumed per day, are outside the scope of this Regulation. It is not therefore appropriate to add these to the Annex of nutrition claims."

STATEMENT 153/06

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom strongly believes that this Regulation must be proportionate to need and balance the needs of both consumers and industry, particularly small and medium enterprises.

In this context, the original proposal has been improved during the first reading phase. However, we consider that further opportunities should be taken during the next stages of the procedure to ensure that requirements for food businesses seeking clearance for the health claims they use are in proportion to the reason for such clearance.

There will be a relatively light regime for those health claims which are based on generally accepted science, but the second authorisation route in the proposed regulation involves the submission of detailed applications to the European Food Safety Authority. This is fully justified for claims for disease risk reduction. However, for other types of health claims we think it will be necessary to look again at the potential impact on firms, especially small businesses, of the detailed dossier route and consider whether there are more proportionate alternatives."

STATEMENT 154/06

Statement by Italy

"The Italian delegation considers that the proposal for a Regulation should take account of the views expressed by the Community in Codex Alimentarius bodies. In particular, the nutrition claims set out in the Annex to the proposal should, wherever possible, comply with the relevant content levels of the Codex Alimentarius, which should be an obligatory basis for the adoption or amendment of Community decisions to similar effect."

STATEMENT 155/06

Joint statement by Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden

"Ireland, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden regret that the derogation provided in Article 4 of the Regulation on the Nutrition and Health claims made on food will allow a nutrition claim to be made on a product, even when the nutrient profile has been exceeded.

Ireland, the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden believe that food manufacturers should not be permitted to make health or nutrition claims on packaging which have the effect of masking the true nutritional value of the product. The purpose of claims should be to help consumers to make informed decisions about their diet. In the context of the current challenges related to obesity it is important that all nutrition and health claims should be presented in a clear and unambiguous way and should be designed to assist consumers to make healthy choices and not to mislead them."

STATEMENT 156/06

Statement by the Commission

"Before the formal presentation of the Strategy Papers and Multi-Annual Indicative Programmes for the period 2007-10, the Commission will inform the Committee on the application of the new criteria, inter alia, as regards progress towards meeting agreed objectives, in particular on governance and on reform, and the results in terms of funding.

The same information will be provided at mid-term for the period 2011-13.

In establishing the country allocations in the Country Strategy Papers and Multi-Annual Indicative Programmes, the Commission will take as a basis the level of assistance provided under the present Financial Perspectives to the beneficiary countries and regions. Due account will be taken of the readiness of these countries to set and implement objectives agreed with the Union, and future funding will grow accordingly.

Strategy Papers will also duly reflect existing regional policies, their priorities and commitments made therein.

As part of the annual budgetary process, the Commission will, in ventilating the ENPI annual budget, provide figures for Cooperation with EU Eastern Neighbours and Cooperation with EU Southern Neighbours."

STATEMENT 157/06

Statement by the Commission

"When implementing this Directive, the Commission undertakes to cooperate closely with the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), as regards both adaptation of the annexes and application of the Directive by Member States, and to take account of any initiatives by the CCNR in this regard."

STATEMENT 158/06

Statement by the Commission

"In view of the risks of carcinogens, mutagens and substances toxic to reproduction, the Commission will request the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use of the European Medicines Agency to draw up an opinion on the use of these categories of substances as excipients of medicinal products for human use, on the basis of Articles 5(3) and 57(1)(p) of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency.

The Commission will transmit the opinion of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use to the European Parliament and the Council.

Within six months of the opinion of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, the Commission will inform the European Parliament and the Council of any necessary action it intends to take to follow up on this opinion."

STATEMENT 159/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council states that the funding referred to in Article 40 must be consistent with the financial perspective in force for the period commencing in 2007."

STATEMENT 160/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council states that methods for limiting the total time taken to handle an application should be considered when the rules of procedure of the Paediatric Committee are developed."

STATEMENT 161/06

Statement by the Commission

Gyrodactylosis of Salmon

"The Commission intends to contribute to the future protection of susceptible stocks of Atlantic salmon in freshwater, as laid down in the Habitat Directive 92/43/EEC, against the threat of *Gyrodactylus salaris*. This is possible pursuant to Article 43 of the proposed Directive, which can be used as a legal base to carry over the current measures laid down in Commission Decision 2004/453/EC under the new Directive.

The Commission intends to present to the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health, a proposal to maintain the current *G. salaris* guarantees laid down in Decision 2004/453/EC, in line with Article 63(3)."

STATEMENT 162/06

Statement by the Commission

Spring viraemia of Carp

"The Commission acknowledges the concern raised by several of the carp producing Member States, on the consequences of having spring viraemia of carp (SVC) subject to harmonised Community provisions. The Commission will after entry into force of the Directive but before its date of application, upon request and based on the arguments presented, make a reassessment of whether SVC should be included in Part II of Annex IV to the draft Directive. Based on this assessment, the Commission may, if appropriate, submit a draft modification of that Annex of the Directive to the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health, in accordance with Article 61(2) of the draft Directive, and a draft proposal to the Council for possible amendment of Decision 90/424/EEC in relation to the fact that only measures against diseases subject to harmonised Community provisions are eligible for funding through the European Fishery Fund (EFF)."

STATEMENT 163/06

Statement by the UK Minister

"The UK regrets that it was not possible to agree to specific reference in the text of document 11870/06 to the importance to the Community of controlling *Gyrodactylus salaris* for the purpose of protecting susceptible wild Atlantic salmon species. However, the UK welcomes the declaration from the Commission in document 11872/06 ADD 1 about its intention to contribute to the future protection of such Atlantic salmon species through Article 43 of the new Directive and, in particular, its intention to present to the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health, a proposal to maintain the current *G. salaris* guarantees laid down in Decision 2004/453."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2752nd Council meeting (Justice and Home Affairs) on 5 and 6 October 2006 Council Decision on the accession of the Community to the Hague Conference on Private International Law 7591/06 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (fi) Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain footwear with uppers of leather originating in the People's Republic Of China and Vietnam 12516/1/06 REV 1 Council Common Position extending the validity of Common Position 2004/694/CFSP on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) 12584/06 Council Decision on Community strategic guidelines on cohesion 11807/06 + REV 2 (hu) + REV 3 (nl) + REV 4 (cs) + REV 5 (fr) + REV 6 (pl) + REV 7 (de), 13069/1/06 REV 1 Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros 12506/1/06 REV 1 Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles 12505/1/06 REV 1	Abstention: United Kingdom

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2753rd Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 10 October 2006 Council Regulation repealing the anti-dumping duty on imports of synthetic staple fibres of polyesters originating in Australia, India, Indonesia and Thailand and terminating the proceedings in respect of such imports, following expiry reviews pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96, and terminating the partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of such imports originating in Thailand 12700/06 Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea Bissau for the period 16 June 2006 to 15 June 2007 10455/06 Council Opinion on the updated Convergence Programme of Hungary 13763/06 2754th Council meeting (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 12 October 2006 Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on the Implementation of the Alpine Convention in the field of Transport (Transport Protocol) 9229/1/06 REV 1	Against: Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Poland Abstention: Portugal

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