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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS SEPTEMBER 2012

This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in SEPTEMBER 2012.^{1 2}
- 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.

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.

² 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
IN SEPTEMBER 2012**

Written procedure completed on 5 September 2012

Directive 2012/23/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 September 2012 amending Directive 2009/138/EC (Solvency II) as regards the date for its transposition and the date of its application, and the date of repeal of certain Directives (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 249, 14.9.2012, p. 1–2

Written procedure completed on 13 September 2012

Council Decision 2012/503/CFSP of 13 September 2012 amending Decision 2010/452/CFSP on the European Union Monitoring Mission in Georgia, EUMM Georgia
OJ L 249, 14.9.2012, p. 13–14

3186th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Brussels on 24 and 25 September 2012

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain measures for the purpose of the conservation of fish stocks in relation to countries allowing non-sustainable fishing
PE-CONS 39/12

Council Decision to authorize the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
12565/12

Council Conclusions on Special Report No 8/2012 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Targeting of aid for the modernisation of agricultural holdings"
12727/12

2012/534/EU: Council Decision of 24 September 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the EU-ICAO Joint Committee, concerning the Decision on the adoption of an Annex on aviation security to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation
OJ L 266, 2.10.2012, p. 37–41

2012/643/EU: Council Decision of 24 September 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Canada on customs cooperation with respect to matters related to supply chain security
OJ L 287, 18.10.2012, p. 1–1

2012/533/EU: Council Decision of 24 September 2012 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee set up by Article 11 of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on protection of geographical indications of agricultural products and foodstuffs, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee
OJ L 266, 2.10.2012, p. 34–36

3187th meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Brussels on 24 September 2012

Council Decision of 24 September 2012 adopting the Council position on draft amending budget No 4 of the European Union for the financial year 2012
OJ C 288, 25.9.2012, p. 2–3

Council Decision No 528/2012/EU of 24 September 2012 amending Decision 2001/822/EC on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Community (‘the Overseas Association Decision’)
OJ L 264, 29.9.2012, p. 1–2

Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 904/2012 of 24 September 2012 amending Regulation No 422/67/EEC, No 5/67/Euratom determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates-General and Registrar of the Court of Justice of the Communities, of the President, Members and Registrar of the Court of First Instance and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal
OJ L 269, 4.10.2012, p. 1–2

Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 23/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012
13294/12

Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 24/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012
13295/12

Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 25/2012 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2012
13296/12

Council Conclusions on the Mechanism on Cooperation and Verification for Bulgaria and Romania
13529/12

2012/644/EU: Council Decision of 24 September 2012 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the United States of America pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania in the course of their accession to the European Union

OJ L 287, 18.10.2012, p. 2–2

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and the provisional application of the protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

10637/12

Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of San Marino for the adaptation of the Agreement on Cooperation and Customs Union between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of San Marino, of the other part, regarding the participation of Croatia as contracting party, in view of the enlargement of the European Union

12863/12

Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Swiss Confederation for the adaptation of the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the free movement of persons, regarding the participation of Croatia as contracting party, in view of the enlargement of the European Union

12864/12

Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations for the adaptation of the Agreement on the European Economic Area and the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014, in view of the enlargement of the European Union to Croatia

12865/12

Council Conclusions on the replenishment of the African Peace Facility for the period 2012-2013

13703/12

2012/523/EU: Council Decision of 24 September 2012 amending and extending the period of application of Decision 2007/641/EC on the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of the Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 37 of the Development Cooperation Instrument

OJ L 263, 28.9.2012, p. 2–7

Council Decision 2012/514/CFSP of 24 September 2012 amending and extending Decision 2010/576/CFSP on the European Union police mission undertaken in the framework of reform of the security sector (SSR) and its interface with the system of justice in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUPOL RD Congo)
OJ L 257, 25.9.2012, p. 16–17

Council Decision 2012/515/CFSP of 24 September 2012 amending and extending Decision 2010/565/CFSP on the European Union mission to provide advice and assistance for security sector reform in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (EUSEC RD Congo)
OJ L 257, 25.9.2012, p. 18–19

Council Implementing Decision 2012/516/CFSP of 24 September 2012 implementing Decision 2012/285/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies threatening the peace, security or stability of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
OJ L 257, 25.9.2012, p. 20–21

Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for the adaptation of agreements signed or concluded between the European Union, or the European Union and its Member States, with one or more third countries or international organisations, in view of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
13351/12

Council Regulation (EU) No 867/2012 of 24 September 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria
OJ L 257, 25.9.2012, p. 1–2

Council Conclusions on Schengen Evaluation of SWEDEN
8580/12 REV 1 EXT 1

Council Conclusions inviting the introduction of the European Legislation Identifier (ELI)
13401/12

Written procedure completed on 27 September 2012

Council Decision 2012/527/CFSP of 27 September 2012 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova
OJ L 263, 28.9.2012, p. 44–45

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS SEPTEMBER 2012			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
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