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This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in October 2010.^{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 by 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 by 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 OCTOBER 2010**

Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's second reading (Brussels, 6 to 7 October 2010)

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Regulation (EC) no 883/2004 and Regulation (EC) no 987/2009 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by these regulations solely on the ground of their nationality
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3034th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 October 2010

Directive 2010/64/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings
OJ L 280, 26.10.2010, p. 1–7

Council Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 of 7 October 2010 on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax
OJ L 268, 12.10.2010, p. 1–18

2010/616/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters
OJ L 271, 15.10.2010, p. 3–3

Council Decision 2010/603/CFSP of 7 October 2010 on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
OJ L 265, 8.10.2010, p. 15–16

Statement of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on Eurofisc, established under Chapter X of the Council Regulation on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax
OJ C 275, 12.10.2010, p. 4–5

Council Conclusions on the follow-up of the implementation of instruments implementing the principle of mutual recognition of judicial decisions in criminal matters
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2010/649/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation
OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 50–51

Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation
OJ L 287, 4.11.2010, p. 52–67

2010/621/EU: Council Decision of 8 October 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on short-stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic, service or official passports
OJ L 273, 19.10.2010, p. 2–3

2010/622/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on short-stay visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports
OJ L 275, 20.10.2010, p. 3–4

2010/620/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the signing of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, on a framework agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the general principles for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in Union programmes
OJ L 273, 19.10.2010, p. 1–1

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on certain aspects of air services
10843/10

Council Conclusions on public-private partnership on enhancing the security of explosives
13485/10

3035th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS – INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) held in Luxembourg on 11 and 12 October 2010

Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2003/71/EC on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading and 2004/109/EC on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market
OJ L 327, 11.12.2010, p. 1–12

Directive 2010/76/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards capital requirements for the trading book and for re-securitisations, and the supervisory review of remuneration policies
OJ L 329, 14.12.2010, p. 3–35

Decision No 938/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 providing macro-financial assistance to the Republic of Moldova
OJ L 277, 21.10.2010, p. 1–3 (

Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and repealing Council Directive 2004/67/EC Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 1–22

Directive 2010/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States and repealing Directive 2002/6/EC Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 283, 29.10.2010

Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 23–34

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004
PE-CONS 32/10 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (cs) + REV 2 (sv) + REV 3 (pl) + REV 4 (it)

Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and repealing Directive 94/56/EC Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 295, 12.11.2010, p. 35–50

2010/623/EU: Council Decision of 11 October 2010 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia
OJ L 275, 20.10.2010, p. 9–9

Council Conclusions on Europe, the world's no 1 tourist destination — a new political framework for tourism in Europe
14944/10

Council Conclusions on making EU research and innovation programmes more attractive: the simplification challenge
14980/10

Council Conclusions on launching of joint programming initiatives on 'Agriculture, food security and climate change', 'Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe', and 'A healthy diet for a healthy life'
14976/10

3036th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT) held in Luxembourg on 14 October 2010

Council Directive 2010/66/EU of 14 October 2010 amending Directive 2008/9/EC laying down detailed rules for the refund of value added tax, provided for in Directive 2006/112/EC, to taxable persons not established in the Member State of refund but established in another Member State
OJ L 275, 20.10.2010, p. 1–2

Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in negotiations under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
13480/10

Council Conclusions on the preparation of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Nagoya, 18 - 29 October 2010)
14161/10

Council Conclusions on the analysis of options to move beyond 20 % greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage
14979/10

Council Conclusions on the preparations for the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6) (Cancún, 29 November to 10 December 2010)
14957/10

3037th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY) held in Luxembourg on 15 October 2010

Council position of 15 October 2010 on the Letter of amendment No 1 to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011
15000/10

Council Conclusions on the Action Plan on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Applications
14146/10

Decision of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on the signature and provisional application of the Euro Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part
14030/10

Decision of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the signature and provisional application of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part
14031/10

Council Conclusions on the Special Report No 1/2010 of the European Court of Auditors (pursuant to Article 287(4), second subparagraph, TFEU): Are simplified customs procedures for imports effectively controlled?
12760/3/10 REV 3

Council Decision 2010/619/CFSP of 15 October 2010 amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO
OJ L 272, 16.10.2010, p. 19–19

Council Implementing Decision of 15 October 2010 authorising the Italian Republic to continue to apply a special measure derogating from Article 285 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax

OJ L 294, 12.11.2010, p. 12–13

3038th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 19 October 2010

2010/655/EU: Council Decision of 19 October 2010 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution

OJ L 285, 30.10.2010, p. 1–3

Council Conclusions on Ensuring the future efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure on tertiary education

14638/10

Council conclusions on the EPC review of best practice

14613/10

3039th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 21 October 2010

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems

OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 35–35

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by 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, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems

OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 8–8

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems

OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 1–1

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems
OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 14–14

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems
OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 21–21

Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems
OJ L 306, 23.11.2010, p. 28–28

2010/707/EU: Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States
OJ L 308, 24.11.2010, p. 46–51

Council Conclusions on the Governance of the European Employment Strategy within the context of Europe 2020 and the European semester
15590/10

3040th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 25 October 2010

Council implementing Regulation (EU) No 965/2010 of 25 October 2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of sodium gluconate originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 282, 28.10.2010, p. 24–28

Council implementing Regulation (EU) No 964/2010 of 25 October 2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain aluminium road wheels originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 282, 28.10.2010, p. 1–23

Council Regulation (EU) No 973/2010 of 25 October 2010 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the autonomous regions of the Azores and Madeira
OJ L 285, 30.10.2010, p. 4–8

Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Evaluation of the implementation of the early retirement measure provided for in Article 9 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations of Officials and Article 39 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union
14699/10

Council Conclusions on the Application of the Republic of Serbia for accession to the European Union
15305/2/10 REV 2

3041st meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 25 October 2010

Council Conclusions on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a comprehensive European international investment policy
14373/10

COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the Union and the Kingdom of Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism
13752/10

COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part
13756/10

COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part
13760/10

Council Conclusions on Belarus
15014/10

Council Conclusions on Uzbekistan
14949/10 + COR 1 (fi)

Council Conclusions on Western Balkans - Bosnia and Herzegovina
15129/10 REV 1

Council Regulation (EU) No 961/2010 of 25 October 2010 on restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Regulation (EC) No 423/2007
OJ L 281, 27.10.2010, p. 1–77

Council Decision 2010/644/CFSP of 25 October 2010 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Common Position 2007/140/CFSP
OJ L 281, 27.10.2010, p. 81–95

Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP of 25 October 2010 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea
OJ L 280, 26.10.2010, p. 10–17

Council Decision 2010/639/CFSP of 25 October 2010 concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 280, 26.10.2010, p. 18–28

Revised Guidelines on the Protection of Civilians in CSDP Missions and Operations
15091/10

Council Conclusions on the Republic of Moldova
15521/10

Council Conclusions on the Sahel
15570/10

Council Conclusions on the Eastern Partnership
15520/10

**3042nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)
held in Luxembourg on 26 October 2010**

2010/739/EU: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2009/021 IE/SR Technics from Ireland)
OJ L 318, 4.12.2010, p. 36–36

Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (third instalment for 2010)
15043/10

Written procedure completed on 29 October 2010

Council Decision 2010/656/CFSP of 29 October 2010 renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire
OJ L 285, 30.10.2010, p. 28–32

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's second reading (Brussels, 6 to 7 October 2010)			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Regulation (EC) no 883/2004 and Regulation (EC) no 987/2009 to nationals of third countries who are not already covered by these regulations solely on the ground of their nationality	PE-CONS 58/10	Not applicable	Not applicable
3034th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 October 2010			
Directive 2010/64/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings	PE-CONS 27/10	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Council			
The Council notes that according to Article 7(1), the Member States have to implement this Directive into their national legal orders within a period which ends 36 months after publication of the Directive in the Official Journal. The Council encourages the Member States to implement the Directive as soon as possible, before the end of the said period. The Council acknowledges that the period of 36 months for implementation of this Directive does not constitute a precedent for the period of implementation that has to be agreed upon in respect of the other measures that are to be adopted on the basis of the "Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected and accused persons in criminal proceedings" ¹ .			
(1) OJ C 295, 4.12.2009, p. 1.			

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Council Regulation (EU) No 904/2010 of 7 October 2010 on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax	12193/10 + COR 1 (pl) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (fr) + REV 1 (es) + REV 2 (nl)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Council Re Chapter VIII The Council states that the provisions in this Chapter also cover the "multilateral controls" to which article 2 of Decision 1482/2007/EC of 11/12/07 (Fiscalis Decision 2013) refers.			
Statement by the Commission Re Chapter X The Commission commits itself to ensure at short notice to call the first meeting of the EUROFISC group. The Commission will also provide technical and logistic support to EUROFISC and in particular: It shall provide technical support in order to guarantee the flow of information by fast and safe electronic means (CCN/CSI network, or any other future computer network). It shall call EUROFISC working field meetings as requested by EUROFISC working field coordinators, as well as the meetings of the EUROFISC Group.			
Statement by the Council Re Chapter X The Council states that EUROFISC will take advantage of the transfer of experience and knowledge from EUROCANET and AUTOCANET, mechanisms developed by the Belgian tax administration for multilateral cooperation."			

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS OCTOBER 2010			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
3035th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS – INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) held in Luxembourg on 11 and 12 October 2010 Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2003/71/EC on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading and 2004/109/EC on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market Statement by the Portuguese and Cypriot delegations The proposed changes to the Prospectus Directive aim at limiting the burden to companies, especially to small and medium sized enterprises. This is certainly a laudable objective, but it should not jeopardize investor protection, the main goal of the Prospectus Directive, and the level of harmonisation across Member States previously achieved. In this context, Portugal and Cyprus consider that the potential negative impact of the current proposal on the two aforementioned key aspects of the Prospectus Directive - investor protection and harmonisation across Member States - should be borne in mind when drafting implementing measures and carefully reassessed by the Commission when further revisiting the Directive.	PE-CONS 29/10 + REV 1 (nl)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Directive 2010/76/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC as regards capital requirements for the trading book and for re-securitisations, and the supervisory review of remuneration policies	PE-CONS 35/10	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Finnish delegation Finland is of the opinion that the application of Art 3.1 of the Directive may lead to retroactive application of legislation to private contracts, which would be in conflict with the established interpretation of the constitutional protection of property. Finland will therefore apply the paragraph taking into account the necessary principles to ensure the constitutional protection of property. Statement by the United Kingdom The UK notes the amendments to the treatment of covered bonds in paragraph 2 ba-bd of Annex I of the amending text. These affect the provisions on the risk-weights attached to covered bonds and the inclusion of securitisations in covered bond pools, which were due to be reviewed by December 2010. The risk weights have been made permanent and the inclusion of securitisations extended until 2013. After the initial agreement was reached between the Council and the European Parliament, the ECB Governing Council expressed serious concerns in relation to the inclusion of securitisations in covered bond pools. Given the concerns expressed and the importance of a sound prudential framework for banks in the European Union, the UK believes both the issues described above should be formally reviewed as soon as possible and, in any case, in time for the discussions of CRD4 proposals.			

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council providing macro financial assistance to the Republic of Moldova	PE-CONS 44/10 + REV 1 (bg, el, fr, hu, lt, mt, nl, pl, pt, ro, sl, sk) + REV 1 COR 1 (nl, lt)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Council and the Commission The Council and the Commission confirm that the Genval criteria, as reviewed by the Council (Ecofin) on 08.10.02, remain the principles on which any future macrofinancial assistance should continue to be based upon.			
Statement by the Council In giving its consent, the Council emphasises the fact that in view of the general review of the Comitology Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999, the envisaged creation of an advisory committee to monitor implementation of macro-financial assistance for Moldavia does not set forth a precedent for subsequent legislative proposals on macro-financial assistance. The Council supports further discussions with the European Parliament to agree on a joint approach to the macro-financial assistance in the light of the Genval criteria in the version of 8 October 2002.			

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OCTOBER 2010**

TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and repealing Directive 2004/67/EC	PE-CONS 30/10 + COR 1(en) + REV 1 (bg, cs, el, es, et, fr, ga, it, lt, pt, sv, lv, mt, sl, ro) + REV 2 (el) + REV 3 (it) + REV 4 (lt)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Netherlands The Netherlands has taken note of the approval of the Regulation concerning measures to safeguard security of gas supply and is concerned about a number of issues following from the Regulation. Firstly, for a net exporter of gas as the Netherlands, formulating security of supply policies and measures with regard to gas should remain a national prerogative. The second issue concerns investments by governments in gas infrastructures, including LNG installations and gas storages, which are justified by security of supply arguments but are not needed by the market and may seriously distort the proper functioning of the internal market in natural gas as they will lead to unfair competition and are detrimental to private sector initiatives. The Netherlands calls on the Commission to closely monitor these type of investments. Thirdly, the Netherlands attaches great importance to clear and well-defined requirements for natural gas undertakings to take the necessary measures to ensure gas supply to protected customers. Unfortunately, the Regulation does not provide this clarity as the supply standard has an open ended character and it is not clear from the outset which natural gas undertaking or group of natural gas undertakings have to take measures. This may lead to long and cumbersome discussions at the national level. In order to avoid this the Netherlands should be allowed to make its own choices on these issues, without interference from the Commission. Finally, the Netherlands is of the opinion that Low Calorific Gas interconnections should be exempted from the reverse flow obligations as reverse flow for this specific kind of gas will not contribute to the European security of gas supply.			

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Commission declaration on competition with respect to recital 45 The Commission considers that the reference in recital 45 to distortions of competition covers all forms of restriction of competition, including in particular restrictive clauses of contracts, for example destination clauses. The Commission also confirms that the application of Article 101 of the TFEU to the conditions referred to in recital 45 will be carried out where appropriate by the Commission or by one or more of the competent competition authorities of the Member States, in line with the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003. Commission Declaration on long term security of supply measures including diversification of gas supply sources and routes, regional cooperation and international cooperation in energy efficiency The Commission underlines that the diversification of gas supply sources and routes for the Union is essential to improve the security of gas supply of the individual Member States and the Union as a whole. Recognizing the need to develop a long term security of supply strategy, the Commission will adopt by end of 2010 a comprehensive Energy Infrastructure Package assessing the priorities for the development of gas infrastructures in the coming decades and the progress achieved on the priorities identified in the Second Strategic Energy Review. The Energy Infrastructure Package will identify the instruments and measures to provide incentives for investments in gas infrastructures, in particular including the diversification of supply routes, integration of 'gas islands', facilities for liquefied natural gas (LNG), as well as storage capacities. The Commission also supports the close cooperation of all stakeholders at all levels – the Member States, the independent Regulators, the gas industry and the consumers – within the regional initiatives. In 2010 the Commission will issue a Communication on the regional initiatives to provide guidance how to best achieve the progress and further develop existing regional cooperation initiatives. Close regional cooperation is crucial to achieve fully functioning internal energy market. The Communication on regional initiatives will make proposals as to common goals and best practices. Finally, the Commission recognises that energy efficiency plays an important role in ensuring long term energy security. The Commission will continue to develop a close cooperation with third countries to promote energy efficiency through the exchange of information on the energy savings strategies, research on energy efficient technologies and sharing the best practices, through the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation and through bilateral arrangements.			

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Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States of the Community and repealing Directive 2002/6/EC	PE-CONS 34/10	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market	PE-CONS 33/10 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (fr) + REV 2 (sl)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: against: SE abstention: PT, CZ
Statement by the Swedish delegation Sweden fully endorses the purpose of the Regulation, namely to globally limit illegal logging. For the reasons given below, Sweden is not unfortunately able to endorse the Council Decision on Regulation 2008/0198(COD). Sweden doubts whether the extra administrative burden which the Regulation will involve for a large number of EU undertakings is proportionate to the extent to which the Regulation will be able to globally limit illegal logging. There is a danger that the Regulation will have a disproportionately great impact on third countries and may therefore cause distortion of trade.			
Statement by the Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Sweden and Romania When implementing this Regulation, the above-mentioned Member States shall endeavour to minimize the administrative burden caused by the Regulation and facilitate the ability of honest operators to comply with the requirements, taking specifically into account the situation of small and medium sized enterprises/operators.			
Statement by Portugal The imposition of rules which may involve additional costs for economic operators in the context of the global crisis affecting Europe and the rest of the world may contribute to weakening the business sector and making European products less competitive. This fact leads us to view with great concern the approval of the Regulation laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market. We are not questioning the underlying objectives, which we support – in particular that of combating illegal forest clearance – but rather the disproportionate obligations that the Regulation will entail. This is particularly worrying in the case of a sector based on large numbers of SMUs, for which, in accordance with the recommendation made by Portugal in March for the Council minutes when the common position was adopted, we should be seeking a simplified system.			

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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 REV 4 (it) Statement by the Italian Delegation Italy notes that the text of the Regulation concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway adopted at second reading by Parliament departs substantially from the Council's common position of October 2009 on several points. In particular, one cannot but note that as a result of the amendments, assistance obligations fall mainly in the maritime sector, while the inland waterway sector seems to have been largely excluded, rendering the purported aims of passenger protection in all sectors of Community transport quite meaningless. Certain aspects of the Regulation cannot fail to have a negative impact on the national maritime sector, which is characterised by the requirements of territorial continuity with the larger and smaller islands in Italian territory, by the high number of small and medium sized enterprises, by a complex arrangement of ports and islands and by flows that vary over the course of the year. Although the Regulation represents an opportunity to raise the quality of Community maritime transport services in practice and to strengthen the rights of passengers travelling by sea or inland waterway, Italy underlines its dissatisfaction with certain aspects of the Regulation that do not take into account the specific structure of the Italian sector or that of other Community countries with a high number of small and medium sized enterprises that are for the most part engaged in mixed transport of goods and passengers with cars, often of a seasonal nature, and that have already been ravaged by the recent crisis and are going through a difficult phase of restructuring (privatisation). Causes for concern are the refusal to exclude expressly units exclusively or predominantly engaged in freight transport, with the result that the scope has been extended too far (to include vessels certified to carry over 12 passengers), the rigidity of certain measures on provision of assistance (which come into play in cases of delays of over 90 minutes after the scheduled departure time) and the failure to include exceptional circumstances to activate certain derogations for the provision of assistance: these measures will place considerable additional burdens on a sector already showing signs of decline. The aspects referred to above are problematic, and the Regulation, in its most recent version, has lost clarity and applicability and has become an instrument that will place a considerable burden on the carriers concerned: the fact that it will be businesses that bear the direct and indirect costs arising from the application of the Regulation cannot be ignored or underestimated, as there is a real risk that many operators in the sector may be driven from the market, thereby reducing transport supply.	PE-CONS 32/10 + REV 1 (cs) + REV 2 (sv) + REV 3 (pl) + REV 4 (it)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Statement by the Greek Delegation The Hellenic Republic fully and unequivocally supports the aims of the proposal for a Regulation concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterways, which has special importance for shipping countries, such as Greece, particularly insofar as it strengthens and makes more effective the protection of the rights of the large numbers of passengers travelling each year. However, the Hellenic Republic wishes to state that, in its opinion, the proposal for a Regulation should show greater balance between the fundamental rights of passengers, which it protects well, and the legitimate interests of sea carriers (especially small and medium-sized enterprises) which, in certain cases (force majeure, exceptional circumstances), incur excessive costs through no fault of their own. In particular, the Hellenic Republic considers that the exemptions set out in Article 20, and especially in paragraph 3 thereof, should in addition include the obligation to provide accommodation (Article 17(2)) also in the event of extraordinary circumstances such as search and rescue operations, transport of sick persons, incidents involving the safety of the ship and passengers and coverage of emergency transport needs, which are crucial for the effective functioning of the very extensive Greek coastal network. Considering the above, the Hellenic Republic calls on the European Commission to produce, as soon as possible, a study of the potential impact in the Member States and on carriers of transposition and implementation of the proposal for a Regulation.			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and repealing Directive 94/56/EC	PE-CONS 36/10 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (bg)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
3036th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT) held in Luxembourg on 14 October 2010			
Council Directive 2010/66/EU of 14 October 2010 amending Directive 2008/9/EC laying down detailed rules for the refund of value added tax, provided for in Directive 2006/112/EC, to taxable persons not established in the Member State of refund but established in another Member State	13936/10 + COR 1 (hu) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (sl)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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3037th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY) held in Luxembourg on 15 October 2010 Council position of 15 October 2010 on the Letter of amendment No 1 to the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2011 Declaration on letter of amendment No 1/2011 The Council recalls the great importance that the establishment of the EEAS should be guided by the principle of cost-efficiency aiming towards budget neutrality. The concept of budget neutrality should be seen in the context of resources within the EU budget, including when deciding on any new premises. It expects a report on an efficiency savings/redeployment plan early in 2011 outlining concrete steps to be taken in the short- as well as medium-term to progress towards budget neutrality and should be subject to regular review.	15000/10	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: PL

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3034th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS), held in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 October 2010 2010/616/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Japan on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters 13377/10 Council Decision 2010/603/CFSP of 7 October 2010 on further measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) 13720/10 Statement of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on Eurofisc, established under Chapter X of the Council Regulation on administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax 12569/1/10 REV 1 Council Conclusions on the follow-up of the implementation of instruments implementing the principle of mutual recognition of judicial decisions in criminal matters 13403/1/10 REV 1	

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2010/649/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation 5942/10 Joint Declaration by the Council and the Commission on Article 20(3) The Council and the Commission emphasise that the provisions of Article 20(3) are exceptional provisions linked to the context of the negotiations with Pakistan. They do not form a precedent for other negotiations of Community readmission agreements, where the outcome must exclude such a restriction of scope. In addition, these provisions must be interpreted as laying the burden of proof on the parties which invoke them, whose responsibility it will be, in this case, to prove the person's entry into the territory of the requesting State before the entry into force of this Agreement. The effects of Article 20(3), especially with regard to the successful readmission of own nationals excluded from the scope of this Agreement, will be closely monitored, particularly in the Joint Readmission Committee. The Commission, or any Member State concerned, will also be able to refer any significant problems in this area to the competent bodies of the Council so that measures can be taken to resolve them. Declaration by France on the Joint Declaration in relation to Article 8(2) France takes note of the Joint Declaration on Article 8(2) and of the fact that, in the case of a positive reply to a request for readmission addressed by France to Pakistan, it aims to include the issuing of the travel document within the maximum time limit of 30 days. The application of the Joint Declaration thus agreed will have to be closely monitored, particularly in the Joint Readmission Committee. Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation 5942/10	

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2010/621/EU: Council Decision of 8 October 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on short-stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic, service or official passports 13657/10 + REV 1 (hu) 2010/622/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on short-stay visa waiver for holders of ordinary passports 13658/10 + COR 1 (hu) 2010/620/EU: Council Decision of 7 October 2010 on the signing of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, on a framework agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the general principles for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in Union programmes 12710/10	

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Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on certain aspects of air services 10843/10 Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission Inter alia for pragmatic reasons, it is preferable that the Community alone should conclude the Agreement with the Republic of Indonesia on certain aspects of air services. The same considerations would apply in respect of similar agreements as long as they are concluded in accordance with and within the limits of the mandate on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements adopted by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003. This Decision does not constitute a precedent as to the exercise of the respective competencies of the Community and its Member States in respect of agreements other than those referred to above, such as, for example, agreements of the type envisaged by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003 authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the United States in the field of air transport, which shall be concluded as mixed agreements. This Decision does not create any new Community competences as far as external agreements on air services are concerned, nor does it affect the division of competences between the Community and its Member States. Council Conclusions on public-private partnership on enhancing the security of explosives 13485/10 3035th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS – INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH) held in Luxembourg on 11 and 12 October 2010 2010/623/EU: Council Decision of 11 October 2010 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditors of the Banca d'Italia 12947/10	

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Council Conclusions on Europe, the world's no 1 tourist destination — a new political framework for tourism in Europe 13930/10 Council Conclusions on making EU research and innovation programmes more attractive: the simplification challenge 14980/10 Council Conclusions on launching of joint programming initiatives on 'Agriculture, food security and climate change', 'Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new challenge for Europe', and 'A healthy diet for a healthy life' 14976/10 3036th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT) held in Luxembourg on 14 October 2010 Council Decision on the participation of the European Union in negotiations under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer 13480/10 Council Conclusions on the preparation of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Nagoya, 18 - 29 October 2010) 14161/10	

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Council Conclusions on the analysis of options to move beyond 20 % greenhouse gas emission reductions and assessing the risk of carbon leakage 14192/10 Council Conclusions on the preparations for the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 6) (Cancún, 29 November to 10 December 2010) 14957/10 3037th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY) held in Luxembourg on 15 October 2010 Council Conclusions on the Action Plan on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Applications 14146/10 Decision of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on the signature and provisional application of the Euro Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part 14030/10 Decision of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the signature and provisional application of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part 14031/10	

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Council Conclusions on the Special Report No 1/2010 of the European Court of Auditors (pursuant to Article 287(4), second subparagraph, TFEU): Are simplified customs procedures for imports effectively controlled? 12760/3/10 REV 3 Council Decision 2010/619/CFSP of 15 October 2010 amending Joint Action 2008/124/CFSP on the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX KOSOVO 13122/10 + COR 1 Council Implementing Decision of 15 October 2010 authorising the Italian Republic to continue to apply a special measure derogating from Article 285 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax 13929/10 3038th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 19 October 2010 2010/655/EU: Council Decision of 19 October 2010 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Additional Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Coasts and Waters of the North-East Atlantic against Pollution 14476/10 Council Conclusions on Ensuring the future efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure on tertiary education 14638/10	

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Council conclusions on the EPC review of best practice 14613/10 3039th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 21 October 2010 Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11217/10 + REV 1 (nl) + REV 2 (pt) Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by 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, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11213/10 + REV 1 (nl) + REV 2 (pt) Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11211/10 + COR 1 (sl) + REV 1 (nl) + REV 2 (lt) + REV 3 (pt)	

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Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11214/10 + COR 1 + REV 2 (pt) + REV 3 (nl) Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11215/10 + COR 1 + REV 2 (pt) + REV 3 (nl) Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of provisions on the coordination of social security systems 11216/10 + REV 1 (nl) + REV 2 (lt) + REV 3 (pt)	

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2010/707/EU: Council Decision of 21 October 2010 on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States 14338/10 Statement by Cyprus on recital 8 Cyprus fully supports the philosophy enshrined in recital 8 of the Council Decision on the Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States. However, for reasons of principle, Cyprus would like to note for the record that in addition to the various exit strategies referred to in recital 8 of the Decision, there should also be a reference to the need to ensure and safeguard social cohesion through these proposed measures. Cyprus believes that the EU would be true to its mission to act as a guardian of Europe's Social Dimension only by ensuring that while carrying out the most needed fiscal and macroeconomic reforms and enhancing "labour market performance", the need to ensure social cohesion is fully respected. This is essential, in order not only to uphold the role of EPSCO but also to ensure that it has a more prominent role in the governance of the EU 2020 Strategy. Cyprus stands firmly behind any initiative that enhances and strengthens Member States' Social Cohesion and the Union's Social Dimension and, most certainly, the protection of its citizens. This must be an integral part of any effort to achieve sustainable fiscal and macroeconomic reforms. Council Conclusions on the Governance of the European Employment Strategy within the context of Europe 2020 and the European semester 14478/10 3040th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 25 October 2010 Council implementing Regulation (EU) No 965/2010 of 25 October 2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of sodium gluconate originating in the People's Republic of China OJ L 282, 28.10.2010, p. 24–28	All Member States in favour except: Abstention: UK

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Council implementing Regulation (EU) No 964/2010 of 25 October 2010 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain aluminium road wheels originating in the People's Republic of China OJ L 282, 28.10.2010, p. 1–23 Council Regulation (EU) No 973/2010 of 25 October 2010 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the autonomous regions of the Azores and Madeira OJ L 285, 30.10.2010, p. 4–8 Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: Evaluation of the implementation of the early retirement measure provided for in Article 9 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations of Officials and Article 39 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union 14699/10	
Statement by the Austrian Delegation Austria doubts the budget neutrality of the early retirement measure provided for in Article 9 paragraph 2 of Annex VIII of the Staff Regulations and is furthermore of the opinion that this measure is not an appropriate regular human resources management tool. Austria therefore calls upon the Commission to put forward by the middle of 2011 a legislative proposal to repeal Article 9 paragraph 2 of Annex VIII of the Staff Regulations. Statement by the Commission The Commission emphasises that the report on the early retirement measure presented to the Council does not provide with any figures illustrating the long term perspective as this is not required by the Staff Regulations. Therefore the Commission does not see the grounds on which the Council might presume that the scheme would not be budgetary neutral on the long term. The Commission recalls that only exceptional post-enlargement circumstances have led to the application of a 10% rate every year and that nothing allows to anticipate that this maximum rate will be reached on a systematic basis in the coming years.	

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Council Conclusions on the Application of the Republic of Serbia for accession to the European Union 15305/2/10 REV 2 Statement by the Commission The Commission intends to present its opinion in the second half of 2011. In its recommendation to the Council in this regard the Commission will base its assessment on the Copenhagen political criteria and the Stabilisation and Association process conditionality which includes full cooperation with the ICTY and good regional cooperation. 3041st meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) held in Luxembourg on 25 October 2010 Council Conclusions on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Towards a comprehensive European international investment policy 14373/10 COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the Union and the Kingdom of Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism 13752/10 COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part 13756/10	

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COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part 13760/10 Council Conclusions on Belarus 15014/10 Council Conclusions on Uzbekistan 14949/10 + COR 1 (fi) Council Conclusions on Western Balkans - Bosnia and Herzegovina 15129/10 Council Regulation (EU) No 961/2010 of 25 October 2010 on restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 14062/10 + REV 1 (en) Council Decision 2010/644/CFSP of 25 October 2010 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Common Position 2007/140/CFSP 14721/10	

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Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP of 25 October 2010 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea 14580/10 Council Decision 2010/639/CFSP of 25 October 2010 concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus 14727/10 Revised Guidelines on the Protection of Civilians in CSDP Missions and Operations 15091/10 Council Conclusions on the Republic of Moldova 15521/10 Council Conclusions on the Sahel 15570/10 Council Conclusions on the Eastern Partnership 15520/10	

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3042nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Luxembourg on 26 October 2010 2010/739/EU: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2009/021 IE/SR Technics from Ireland) 13898/10 Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (third instalment for 2010) 15043/10 Written procedure completed on 29 October 2010 Council Decision 2010/656/CFSP of 29 October 2010 renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire 15254/10	