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Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS
 JANUARY 2001

This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in January 2001. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council decided to make public (**Annex II**). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, as well as explanations of voting.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question, and the information contained in Annexes I and II hereto, are available to the public on the Internet at the "Eudor" website (<http://www.eudor.com> – see "Transparency of the Council's legislative activities").

- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in December 2000, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

¹ With the exception of 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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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES/ EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AND VOTING RULE	
Adoption of Legislative act adopted following the European Parliament's second reading in the context of the co-decision procedure				
European Parliament and Council Recommendation on European cooperation in quality evaluation in school education (16.1.2001)	5183/01 PE-CONS 3607/01			Qualified majority
2326th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Questions), on 19 January 2001				
Council Directive amending the sixth Directive (77/388/EEC) on the common system of value added tax, with regard to the length of time during which the minimum standard rate is to be applied	12735/00 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (fi)	1/01		Unanimity
Council Decision on guidelines for Member States' employment policies for the year 2001	14375/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (fr)			Qualified majority

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European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners approval of the European Parliament's 2nd-reading amendment	PE-CONS 3666/00 + COR 1 (fi)		Abstention F, L Explanation of vote F ¹ Qualified majority	
2328th Council meeting (Agriculture) on 29 January 2001				
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 on the common organisation of the market in bananas	14442/00 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (sv, pt) + COR 3 (da) + COR 4 (fi)	2/01, 3/01, 4/01, 5/01	UK against Qualified majority	
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2791/1999 laying down certain control measures applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the north-east Atlantic fisheries	13539/00	6/01	Qualified majority	

¹ Annex II p. 2.

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European Parliament and Council Decision extending certain programmes of Community action in the field of public health adopted by Decisions No 645/96/EC, No 646/96/EC, No 647/96/EC, No 102/97/EC, No 1400/97/EC and No 1296/1999/EC and amending those Decisions	PE-CONS 3659/00		Qualified majority

STATEMENT 1/01

"Member States undertake - as far as can be foreseen today - that from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005 they will make every effort to avoid widening the current span of 10 percentage points above the current lowest standard rate applied by Member States."

EXPLANATION OF THE FRENCH DELEGATION'S VOTE

"France cannot subscribe to the authorisation of butane, propane and iso-butane as propellant gases for vegetable oils put up in aerosol containers, because of the risk of fire involved in the intended use of that type of aerosol near sources of heat. Accordingly, France abstained when the common position was adopted."

STATEMENT 2/01

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

Advances

"The Commission undertakes to examine the rules currently in force concerning the payment of the compensatory aid in order to improve the cash flow of Community producers, notably by modifying the system of advances set out in articles 4 to 7 of Commission Regulation (EEC) 1858/93 and by the systematic use of the bimestrial communication of data concerning the marketing of bananas."

STATEMENT 3/01

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

Natural disasters

"The Commission will reflect on means to aid banana producers to overcome situations brought about through natural disasters in the context of the appropriate support measures."

STATEMENT 4/01

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

Assessment of the situation

"In the light of the undertakings to which it subscribed at the June 1998 Council, the Commission undertakes to examine the economic development of the banana sector, including producers' income, taking account, in particular, of the impact of the changes to the arrangements, applied since 1 January 1999, on the marketing of Community bananas."

STATEMENT 5/01

STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION

"The United Kingdom has consistently worked for swift agreement to a revised EU banana regime which will not be challenged in the World Trade Organisation and which reflects the EU's commitments to the ACP, in particular the Caribbean.

The latest proposal to amend Council Regulation 404/93 will not end the trade dispute; nor is it evident that the measures to be introduced under it in the Management Committee will ensure the continued viability of the Caribbean banana export industries. For these reasons, the United Kingdom opposes the proposal".

STATEMENT 6/01

Statement of the Council and of the Commission on control and enforcement in regional fisheries organisations

"The Council and the Commission note that three proposals on financing control arrangements in the Community, on financing ICCAT control measures in the Gulf of Guinea and on NEAFC control measures are currently under examination in the Council with a view inter alia to ensuring that the Community fulfils its international obligations. However, decisions on these proposals are without prejudice to future decisions on arrangements for control and enforcement in Regional Fisheries Organisations.

The Council and Commission note that divergences still exist as to the responsibility for the implementation of control and enforcement tasks under RFOs.

The Council welcomes the Commission's intention to table a Communication on a range of control issues, including enforcement in RFOs. The Council looks forward to discussion of this communication during the Swedish Presidency. The Council will consider the issue of control and enforcement in RFOs with a view to reaching conclusions by June 2001 in order to ensure effective and efficient control and enforcement in RFOs.

The Commission will come forward with any appropriate proposals as soon as possible."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2326th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Questions), on 19 January 2001 Council Recommendation on the implementation of Member States' employment policies 14465/00 + COR 1 (sv) Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of the European Parliament and Council Recommendation on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers 13258/00 Council Opinion on the updated convergence programme of Sweden, 2000-2003 5539/01 2327th Council meeting (General Affairs), on 22 January 2001 Council Common Position on Afghanistan 5282/01 ESDP – Establishment of permanent political and military structures • Council Decision setting up the Political and Security Committee 5380/01 • Council Decision setting up the Military Committee of the European Union 5381/01 • Council Decision on the establishment of the Military Staff of the European Union 5382/01 Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Poland and Ukraine, and terminating the anti-dumping proceeding in respect of imports originating in Lithuania 14753/00	

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Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1567/97 as regards the date of application of certain anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of leather handbags originating in the People's Republic of China 5065/01 2328th Council meeting (Agriculture), on 29 January 2001 Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention on the conservation and management of fishery resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean 5141/01 Council Regulation amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan 5121/01 Council Common Position concerning EU support for the implementation of the Lusaka ceasefire agreement and the peace process in the Democratic Republic of Congo and repealing Common Position 1999/728/CFSP 5298/01 Council Decision concluding the consultation procedure with Haiti under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement 5201/01 + REV 1 (fr)	
