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Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS - NOVEMBER 2008

This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in November 2008.^{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.

This document is also available via the Internet (<http://consilium.europa.eu>); see under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Summary of Council Acts". Documents listed in the summary may be obtained from the public register of Council documents ([Access to Council documents: Public Register](#)).

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 codecision, 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 in codecision 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.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic (available via the Internet: <http://consilium.europa.eu>, see under "Documents", "Legislative Transparency", "Council Minutes").

**LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
IN NOVEMBER 2008**

2901st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 4 November 2008

Council Decision providing Community medium-term financial assistance for Hungary
14953/2/08 REV 2

Council Decision granting mutual assistance for Hungary
15057/08

Council Conclusions on EU statistics and the 2008 EFC status report on information requirements in EMU
14525/08 + COR 1 (fr), 14524/08

2008/847/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 on the eligibility of central Asian countries under Decision 2006/1016/EC granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Community
OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 13–13

2008/846/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 appointing an Italian member of the Committee of the Regions
OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 12–12

2008/859/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 amending Annex 3, Part I, to the Common Consular Instructions on third-country nationals subject to airport visa requirements
OJ L 303, 14.11.2008, p. 11–12

Council Decision concerning the Community position within the EU-Morocco Association Council on the implementation of Article 84 of 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, in order to set up a customs cooperation committee, to adopt rules of procedure for the economic dialogue group and to amend the rules of procedure of certain subcommittees of the Association Committee
13819/08

Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (third instalment for 2008)
14409/08

Decision of the Council authorizing the Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Department of Energy of the United States of America (USDOE) in the field of nuclear security research and development
14273/08 + REV 1 (nl, bg)

Council Decision on the participation of the European Community in negotiations under the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer
13666/08 + COR 1 (mt)

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part
13698/08

2902nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS) held in Brussels on 10 November 2008

Council Regulation (EC) No 1139/2008 of 10 November 2008 fixing the fishing opportunities and the conditions relating thereto for certain fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea for 2009
OJ L 308, 19.11.2008, p. 3–6

Council Conclusions on local authorities as actors for development, working to reduce poverty
14450/08 + REV 1 (pt)

Conclusions of the Council of the European Union and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on strengthening health systems in developing countries
14268/08

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on regional integration and the Economic Partnership Agreements for development in the ACP countries
15078/08

Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Community within the ACP-EC Committee of Ambassadors regarding a decision on the allocation of resources to Somalia from the 10th European Development Fund
14060/08

Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2009 and 2010, including the first instalment for 2009
14995/1/08 REV 1

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
8968/08 + COR 1 (bg) + COR 2 (fi)

Council Conclusions on trilateral dialogue and cooperation between the European Union, China and Africa
15125/08

Council Conclusions on "One year after Lisbon: the Africa-EU partnership at work"
15126/08

Council Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP of 10 November 2008 on a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast
OJ L 301, 12.11.2008, p. 33–37

Council Guidelines for the European Defence Agency Work in 2009
15133/08

Council Decision 2008/842/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Annexes III and IV of Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran
OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 46–54

Council Regulation (EC) No 1110/2008 of 10 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 concerning restrictive measures against Iran
OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 1–28

Council Joint Action 2008/862/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EUBAM Rafah)
OJ L 306, 15.11.2008, p. 98–98

Council Joint Action 2008/858/CFSP of 10 November 2008 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
OJ L 302, 13.11.2008, p. 29–36

Council Common Position 2008/843/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending and extending Common Position 2007/734/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Uzbekistan
OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 55–55

Council Common Position 2008/844/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Common Position 2006/276/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 56–56

Guidelines for identification and implementation of lessons and best practices in civilian ESDP missions

15021/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on Burma/Myanmar

15254/08

Council Conclusions on Lebanon

15148/08

2903rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS) held in Brussels on 10 and 11 November 2008

Council Conclusions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo

15128/2/08 REV 2

ESDP: civilian crisis management capabilities : Declaration on Civilian Headline Goal 2010

15255/08 + COR 1 (fi)

Council Conclusions on the ESDP

15310/08

Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans

14952/3/08 REV 3

Council Conclusions on Iraq

15547/08

Council Conclusions: Guidelines for EU participation in the International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, 29 November to 2 December 2008)

15075/1/08 REV 1

Declaration by the European Union on the International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, 29 November to 2 December 2008)

15570/08

Conclusions of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of Member States meeting within the Council on the EU response to the food crisis

15285/08

Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's second reading under the co-decision procedure (Strasbourg, 17 to 20 November 2008)

Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 354 , 31/12/2008 p. 70–81

**2904th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES)
held in Brussels on 18, 19 and 20 November 2008**

Common Position (EC) No 27/2008 of 18 November 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Training Foundation (recast)
OJ C 310E, 5.12.2008, p. 1–14

Common Position (EC) No 28/2008 of 18 November 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ C 330E, 30.12.2008, p. 1–6

Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 76–82

Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 1–6

Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food enzymes and amending Council Directive 83/417/EEC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, Directive 2000/13/EC, Council Directive 2001/112/EC and Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 7–15

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 16–33

Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No 2232/96 and (EC) No 110/2008 and Directive 2000/13/EC (Text with EEA relevance)
OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 34–50

Decision No 1348/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Council Directive 76/769/EEC as regards restrictions on the marketing and use of 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol, 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol, methylenediphenyl diisocyanate, cyclohexane and ammonium nitrate (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 108–112

2008/872/EC: Council Decision of 18 November 2008 appointing two German alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

OJ L 308, 19.11.2008, p. 50–50

Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Community within the ACP-EC Council of Ministers regarding a decision to revise Annex IV to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement

12835/08

Council Common Position 2008/873/CFSP of 18 November 2008 renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire

OJ L 308, 19.11.2008, p. 52–52

2905th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE) held in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2008

Decision No 1350/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 concerning the European Year of Creativity and Innovation (2009) (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 115–117

Decision No 1352/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1855/2006/EC establishing the Culture Programme (2007 to 2013) (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 128–129

Decision No 1349/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1719/2006/EC establishing the 'Youth in Action' programme for the period 2007 to 2013 (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 113–114

Decision No 1357/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1720/2006/EC establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 56–57

Decision No 1358/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1904/2006/EC establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme Europe for Citizens to promote active European citizenship

OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 58–59

Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on plant protection products
11120/2/08 REV 2

2008/885/EC: Council Decision of 20 November 2008 appointing 9 Romanian members and 11 Romanian alternate members of the Committee of the Regions
OJ L 317, 27.11.2008, p. 14–15

European Union Statement for the World AIDS Day: One Word: Leadership, Keeping the promise to stop HIV/AIDS (Paris - Brussels, 1 December 2008)
15740/08 + REV 1 (fi)

Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Central Africa, of the other part
12122/1/08 REV 1 + REV 1 CORS 1-17

Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2008 of 20 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova
OJ L 328, 06.12.2008, p. 1–4

Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Community with regard to proposals for amending Appendices I and II to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
16029/08 + COR 1

Council Conclusions on the creation of a European heritage label by the European Union
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 11–12

Council Conclusions on architecture: culture's contribution to sustainable development
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 13–14

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in the external relations of the Union and its Member States
OJ C 320, 16.12.2008, p. 10–12

Council Conclusions on the European digital library EUROPEANA
14870/08 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (sv) + REV 3 (el) + REV 4 (sl) + REV 5 (lv)

Council Conclusions on the development of legal offers of online cultural and creative content and the prevention and combating of piracy in the digital environment
13605/08 + REV 1 (lv) + REV 2 (bg) + REV 3 (el) + REV 4 (da) + REV 5 (ro)

Resolution of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 20 November 2008 on the health and well-being of young people
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 1–3

Council Recommendation of 20 November 2008 on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 8–10

Council Resolution of 21 November 2008 on a European strategy for multilingualism
OJ C 320, 16.12.2008, p. 1–3

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the future priorities for enhanced European cooperation in vocational education and training (VET)
OJ C 18, 24.1.2009, p. 6–10

Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on better integrating lifelong guidance into lifelong learning strategies
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 4–7

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on preparing young people for the 21st century: an agenda for European cooperation on schools
OJ C 319, 13.12.2008, p. 20–22

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on youth mobility
OJ C 320, 16.12.2008, p. 6–9

2906th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS /BUDGET) held in Brussels on 21 November 2008

Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part
12129/08 + REV 2 (it) + ADD 1 to 5

Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part
12130/08 + ADD 1 to 4

Council Decision 2008/884/CFSP of 21 November 2008 implementing Joint Action 2007/369/CFSP on the establishment of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN)
OJ L 316, 26.11.2008, p.21–21

Council Conclusions on Review of the EU Plant Health Regime
15490/08 + REV 1 (en, fr)

2907th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATION and ENERGY) held in Brussels on 27 November 2008

Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the People's Republic of China on drug precursors and substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances
13001/1/08 REV 1

Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Armenia on certain aspects of air services
5760/4/08 REV 4 + REV 5 (pl) + REV 5 COR 1 (pl) + REV 6 (pt) + REV 7 (lt)

Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, of a Protocol to 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, as contracting parties of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania pursuant to their accession to the European Union
9116/08

2008/906/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 appointing two Danish members and two alternate members of the Committee of the Regions
OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 21–21

2008/904/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 appointing a Dutch member and two Dutch alternate members of the Committee of the Regions
OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 18–18

Council Conclusions on Consultations with Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico in the field of Human Rights
16326/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on future networks and the internet
16616/08

2908th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 27 and 28 November 2008

Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters
OJ L 350, 30.12.2008, p. 60–71

2008/910/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 amending Parts 1 and 2 of the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications)
OJ L 328, 06.12.2008, p. 38–41

2008/905/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers
OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 19–20

Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions
OJ L 337, 16.12.2008, p. 102–122

Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union
OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 27–46

Council Framework Decision 2008/919/JHA of 28 November 2008 amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism
OJ L 330, 09.12.2008, p. 21–23

Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law
OJ L 328, 06.12.2008, p. 55–58

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Visa Information System (VIS) under the Schengen Borders Code
PE-CONS 3676/3/08 REV 3

Council Regulation (EC) No 1187/2008 of 27 November 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of monosodium glutamate originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 322, 02.12.2008, p. 1–8

Council Regulation (EC) No 1176/2008 of 27 November 2008 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 713/2005 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain broad spectrum antibiotics originating in India
OJ L 319, 29.11.2008, p. 1–13

Amendment to the rules of procedure of the Court of Justice
OJ L 24, 28.1.2009, p. 8–8

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance
OJ L 24, 28.1.2009, p. 9–9

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal
OJ L 24, 28.1.2009, p. 10–10

Council Decision of 27 November 2008 implementing Joint Action 2007/749/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)
OJ L 318, 28.11.2008, p. 14–14

Council Conclusions on combating the criminal misuse and anonymous use of electronic communications
12694/4/08 REV 4

Council Conclusions on preventing and combating illicit trafficking in cultural goods
14224/2/08 REV 2

Guidelines on the implementation of Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States of the European Union
15574/08

Council Conclusions on the coordination of police action on road safety
15676/08

Cooperation Agreement between CEPOL and the ICPO-Interpol General Secretariat
13756/08

Council Conclusions on a Concerted Work Strategy and Practical Measures Against Cybercrime
15569/08

EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism
15175/08

Council Conclusions on the creation of a CBRN database
15294/2/08 REV 2

Council Conclusions on implementing an early warning mechanism for threats linked to terrorism and organised crime

16042/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on a group of "Friends of the VIS"

15433/08

Council Conclusions on strengthening relations between the European Union and the United Nations as regards disaster response capacity

14795/08 + COR 1 + COR 1 REV 1 (cs) + COR 2 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (sl)

Council Conclusions on European disaster management training

15520/08 + REV 2 (sk) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (ro)

Council Conclusions calling for civil protection capabilities to be enhanced by a European mutual assistance system building on the civil protection modular approach

15653/08 + REV 1 (de) + REV 2 (ro) + REV 3 (sk) + REV 3 COR 1 (sk)

Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

15152/08

Council Conclusions designed to reinforce the law enforcement action of EU Member States in the fight against drug trafficking in West Africa

15812/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on possible cooperation mechanisms between civilian ESDP missions and EUROPOL as regards the mutual exchange of information

15771/08 + COR 1

2008/903/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Swiss Confederation

OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 15–17

Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on integration policies in the European Union

15251/08

Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters

9196/08

Declaration on the Mumbai/Bombay attacks

16435/08

Council Conclusions on the continuation of work on combating terrorism

15684/08 + COR 1 (en)

Council Conclusions on the evaluation of the Global Approach to Migration and on the partnership with countries of origin and transit

16041/08

Council Conclusions on the reception of Iraqi refugees

16113/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on abuses and misuses of the right to free movement of persons

16151/1/08 REV 1

European e-Justice action plan

15315/08

Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the establishment of a Network for legislative cooperation between the Ministries of Justice of the European Union

OJ C 326, 20.12.2008, p. 1–2

Council Conclusions on child abduction alert

14612/2/08 REV 2

**2909th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES)
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1207/2008 of 28 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC)

No 639/2004 on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

OJ L 327, 05.12.2008, p. 1–2

Council Regulation (EC) No 1322/2008 of 28 November 2008 fixing the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2009

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 1–9

Council Regulation (EC) No 1359/2008 of 28 November 2008 fixing for 2009 and 2010 the fishing opportunities for Community fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks

OJ L 352, 31.12.2008, p. 1–10

Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 353, 31.12.2008, p. 1–1355

Directive 2008/112/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Council Directives 76/768/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 1999/13/EC and Directives 2000/53/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2004/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 345, 23.12.2008, p. 68–74

Regulation (EC) No 1336/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (Text with EEA relevance)

OJ L 354, 31.12.2008, p. 60–61

Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Barbados, Belize, the Republic of Congo, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Fiji Islands, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Mozambique, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Republic of Suriname, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 delivery periods and on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the same delivery periods

14962/08

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine

14963/08

Presidency Conclusions on the 'Future of the CAP after 2013'

16287/08

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS NOVEMBER 2008			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2901st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 4 November 2008			
Council Decision providing Community medium-term financial assistance for Hungary	14953/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Decision granting mutual assistance for Hungary	15057/08	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2902nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS) held in Brussels on 10 November 2008			
Council Regulation (EC) No 1139/2008 of 10 November 2008 fixing the fishing opportunities and the conditions relating thereto for certain fish stocks applicable in the Black Sea for 2009	13846/08	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

Statement by the Council and the Commission

Cooperation in fisheries matters with third countries bordering the Black Sea should be promoted through a regional fisheries management organisation. Steps will be taken to this end, involving in particular the Member States of the European Union and the candidate country which border the Black Sea.

Adoption of legislative acts following the European Parliament's second reading under the co-decision procedure (Strasbourg, 17 to 20 November 2008)

Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS 3716/08

(Not applicable)

(Not applicable)

2904th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 18, 19 and 20 November 2008

Common Position (EC) No 27/2008 of 18 November 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Training Foundation (recast)

11263/4/08 REV 4

Qualified majority

All Member States in favour

Statement by the Council

The Council, in adopting this common position and in particular Article 7(1) thereof, takes the view that the status of EP representatives to the ETF's Governing Board should be in accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament's Conference of Presidents of March 1998 establishing "Rules on the designation by the European Parliament of members of the management boards of the specialised agencies and bodies".¹

Common Position (EC) No 28/2008 of 18 November 2008 adopted by the Council, acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (Text with EEA relevance)	11915/3/08 REV 3	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Decision No 1297/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on a Programme for the Modernisation of European Enterprise and Trade Statistics (MEETS) (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3663/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 1331/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 establishing a common authorisation procedure for food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3658/2/08 VER 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 1332/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food enzymes and amending Council Directive 83/417/EEC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999, Directive 2000/13/EC, Council Directive 2001/112/EC and Regulation (EC) No 258/97 (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3659/3/08 REV 3	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

¹ PE 339.471/BUR/Rev.1

Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on food additives (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3660/4/08 REV 4	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention: ES
Statement by Spain The Spanish health authorities' main concern is protecting the safety of consumers, including the most vulnerable groups in the population, such as children. The basis for food safety, as laid down at European level in the White Paper on Food Safety, is risk analysis, supported by an independent risk assessment which the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is responsible for conducting. The EFSA has recently assessed the results of the study by McCann et al on the effects of some colours and sodium benzoate on children's behaviour and concluded that it provides only limited evidence that the mixtures tested had a small and statistically significant effect on activity and attention in some children selected from the general population and that the clinical significance of the observed effects remains unclear. In addition, since the additives were not tested individually, it is not possible to ascribe the observed effects to any of the individual compounds. Consequently, including warnings on the label would not, in this case, be a risk management measure based on an independent risk assessment, and we do not believe that it would contribute to improving consumer protection; rather, it could cause confusion. We consider that any measure along these lines would have to be adopted by committee procedure with scrutiny, following a technical discussion based on an opinion from EFSA; we are therefore in favour of the Presidency proposal which moves these labelling requirements to the Annex. Spain considers that adopting the Food Improvements Agents Package is a priority and that it will contribute, as a whole, to improving consumer protection. In our view, given the Presidency proposal, there is no reason to vote against its adoption, which is why, in the end, Spain will abstain when this question is voted on.			
Regulation (EC) No 1334/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and certain food ingredients with flavouring properties for use in and on foods and amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1601/91, Regulations (EC) No 2232/96 and (EC) No 110/2008 and Directive 2000/13/EC (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3661/7/08 REV 7	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

Statement by Germany

Germany considers it necessary to set uniform EU-wide limits for coumarin in foodstuffs containing cinnamon, at levels which ensure consumer health protection while being feasible in practice. We therefore welcome the fact that maximum levels for coumarin have now been laid down for certain foodstuffs.

In the interest of preventive consumer health protection, Germany would have preferred a lower coumarin limit for traditional and seasonal bakery ware containing cinnamon than the one now provided for but, in a spirit of compromise can nevertheless support the proposed maximum level.

Decision No 1348/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Council Directive 76/769/EEC as regards restrictions on the marketing and use of 2-(2-methoxyethoxy)ethanol, 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)ethanol, methylenediphenyl diisocyanate, cyclohexane and ammonium nitrate (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS
3665/4/08 REV 4

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour

2905th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE) held in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2008

Decision No 1350/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 concerning the European Year of Creativity and Innovation (2009) (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS
3691/1/08 REV 1

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour

Decision No 1352/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1855/2006/EC establishing the Culture Programme (2007 to 2013) (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS
3679/1/08 REV 1

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour

Decision No 1349/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1719/2006/EC establishing the 'Youth in Action' programme for the period 2007 to 2013 (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3680/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Decision No 1357/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1720/2006/EC establishing an action programme in the field of lifelong learning (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3677/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Decision No 1358/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Decision No 1904/2006/EC establishing for the period 2007 to 2013 the programme Europe for Citizens to promote active European citizenship	PE-CONS 3678/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning statistics on plant protection products	11120/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2908th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 27 and 28 November 2008			
Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters	9260/08 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 3 (fi) + REV 4 (pt)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

2008/910/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 amending Parts 1 and 2 of the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications)	10611/08	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
2008/905/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers	15259/08	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments and probation decisions with a view to the supervision of probation measures and alternative sanctions	6836/08 + COR 1 (hu) + COR 2 (da) + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (de) + REV 3 (nl)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA of 27 November 2008 on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union	5602/08 + COR 1 (de) + REV 1 (nl) + REV 3 (fi)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

Declaration of the Council introduced in relation to the rehabilitation purpose

Bearing in mind that the successful rehabilitation of the sentenced person in a State with which he or she has the closest links is the fundamental purpose of this Framework Decision, as indicated expressly in its Article 3 and confirmed in the Preamble thereof, and agreeing that the mutual trust between the Member States does not necessitate the introduction of the additional ground for refusal based on the inconsistency of the recognition of the judgment with the rehabilitation purpose, the Council underlines that this purpose should be a factor of primary importance for the issuing State each time the decision on the need of the forwarding of the judgment and the certificate to the executing state is being made.

Declaration by Poland

Article 7(4) of the Framework Decision

Pursuant to Article 7(4) of the EU Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union, the Republic of Poland declares that its competent authorities will not apply Article 7(1) of the above Framework Decision.

Declaration by Latvia

Article 28 of the Framework Decision

Latvia in accordance with Article 28(2) declares that in cases where the final judgment is issued before the date, when three years after the date of the entry into force of the Framework Decision have passed, Latvia will continue, as an issuing and an executing State, to apply the existing legal instruments on the transfer of sentenced persons applicable before this Framework Decision.

Declaration by Lithuania

Article 28 of the Framework Decision

Lithuania in accordance with Article 28(2) declares that in case where the final judgment is issued before the period of three years after the date of entry into force of the Framework Decision have passed, Lithuania will continue, as an issuing and an executing State, to apply the existing legal instruments on the transfer of the sentenced persons applicable before this Framework Decision.

Council Framework Decision 2008/919/JHA of 28 November 2008
amending Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism

8807/08

Unanimity

All Member States in
favour

Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law	16771/07 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (pt) + COR 3 (lv) + COR 4 + COR 5 (sl) + COR 6 (hu) + REV 1 (lv)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Council On 28.11.2008 the Council of Ministers of the European Union adopted a Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law. The aim of the Framework Decision is to approximate criminal law provisions and to combat racist and xenophobic offences more effectively by promoting full and effective judicial cooperation between Member States. The Framework Decision deals with such crimes as incitement to hatred and violence and publicly condoning, denying or grossly trivializing crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. The Framework Decision is limited to crimes committed on the grounds of race, colour, religion, descent and national or ethnic origin. It does not cover crimes committed on other grounds for example by totalitarian regimes. However, the Council deplores all of these crimes. The Council invites the Commission to examine and to report to the Council within two years after the entry into force of the Framework Decision, whether an additional instrument is needed, to cover publicly condoning, denying or grossly trivializing crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes directed against a group of persons defined by reference to criteria other than race, colour, religion, descent or national or ethnic origin, such as social status or political convictions. The Berlin declaration adopted on 25 March 2007 stated that "European integration shows that we have learnt the painful lessons of a history marked by bloody conflict." In that light, the Commission will organize a public European hearing on crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by totalitarian regimes as well as those who publicly condone, deny, grossly distort or trivialize them, and emphasizes the need for appropriate redress of injustice and – if appropriate – submit a proposal for a Framework Decision on these crimes.			

Statement by the Commission

The Commission congratulates the Council on making every effort to reach agreement on such an important subject. It was time for the European Union to adopt a firm stand against racism and xenophobia.

However, the Commission considers that Article 7(2) might be interpreted as allowing national law to prevail over Union law. In this connection, the Commission draws attention to the primacy of Union law.

Statement by Germany

Germany wishes to declare the following concerning its interpretation of the term "public order" as contained in Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, having had the opportunity to share its views with the Legal Service of the Council:

Pursuant to recital 6, this Framework Decision is limited to combating particularly serious forms of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law.

Accordingly, Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision permits the Member States to choose to punish only such conduct that is carried out in a manner likely to exceed a certain threshold of significance. The legal systems of the Member States contain different concepts and approaches for describing such a threshold. In a number of Member States, the decisive factor is whether *individual* legal interests have been affected to a particularly severe degree by the conduct described in Article 1 paragraph 1 of the Framework Decision. In those Member States, such conduct may be punished if it is threatening, abusive or insulting to individuals or groups of individuals. In other Member States, the conduct may be punished if certain *collective* legal interests have been harmed. In these Member States, such conduct may be punished if the conduct described in Article 1 paragraph 1 of the Framework Decision is carried out in a manner likely to disturb "public order" or, in terms of some legislations, "public peace".

The Framework Decision leaves room for both concepts in Article 1 paragraph 2 and must be understood so as to allow Member States to maintain their national traditions and approaches in this respect. The reference in recital no. 6 to the fact that the cultural and legal traditions of the Member States are, to some extent, different, and that, particularly in this field, full harmonisation of criminal laws is currently not possible supports that interpretation.

Germany therefore assumes that the term "public order" as employed in Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision constitutes an expression of the required threshold, which may be further refined in various manners by the Member States when implementing the Framework Decision. Germany assumes in particular that, for the purposes of implementation, the term "öffentliche Friede" as used in the relevant corresponding provisions of German criminal law is covered by the term "public order" as employed in Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision.

Statement by the Netherlands

The Netherlands wishes to express that it already complies with the obligation of criminalization pursuant to the Articles 1 and 2 of the Framework Decision. Articles 137c, 137d and 137e of the Dutch Criminal Code give a broad criminalization of inciting to hate or violence, of insulting or discriminating because of amongst others race and religion. The term "race" includes also the characteristics skin colour, origin and national or ethnic decent. Under the scope of these Articles also fall condoning, denying or grossly trivialising of the international crimes, referred to in Article 1 subparagraphs c and d, as far as such a conduct incites to hate or violence, insults or discriminates because of race or religion.

Statement by Latvia regarding the crimes of the Totalitarian Communist regime in addition to the statement by the Council

Latvia welcomes the adoption of the Framework Decision which constitutes a significant step in fighting the racism and xenophobia in the EU, as well as the Statement adopted by the Council, and considers that further discussions and evaluations are necessary in this field in order to obtain a complete solution to this question.

The Framework Decision provides for the criminal liability throughout the EU inter alia for the public condoning, denying or gross trivialising of the crimes committed by the Nazi regime. The scope of application is limited only to the crimes committed by the Nazi regime, but does not cover the crimes committed by the Totalitarian Communist regime, although, while having particular social groups as the main target, these crimes were also committed on the grounds of the ethnic and the national origin, which constitutes an integral part of the content of *Racism* as defined by the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination adopted in 1966.

Any violence or threat has to be condemned irrespectively of what was the curtain of the objectives or the ideology these crimes were committed for. People of the EU have experienced the crimes against humanity from the both totalitarian regimes and they both demanded enormous human costs. Therefore Latvia considers that it is necessary that EU applies similar criteria to the crimes committed by both totalitarian regimes and provide for an equal treatment regarding the public condoning, denying or gross trivialising of these crimes.

The fact that there are always some people in the society justifying or denying the crimes committed by the Nazis or the Totalitarian Communists not only endangers the basic values of the democracy, but also insults personally the victims and their families, who suffered both these regimes.

Preservation of historic memory, assessment of the crimes of totalitarian regimes and their ideologies as well as respect for the victims and freedom fighters is very important for historical justice and for the prevention of the crimes against humanity in the future. Accordingly a similar approach has to be made and all necessary actions have to be done at EU level in order to prevent the revival of any of totalitarian regimes, including Totalitarian Communist regime.

Without exploration and recognition of these crimes at the international level, one cannot talk about the irreversibility of these crimes and the reconciliation. The EU has to have a common understanding and similar criteria when treating these crimes. This understanding and treatment has to be based on the criteria, that the human life is the highest value. The motivation or the ideology behind the crime cannot be brought to the forefront. In this respect Latvia appreciates the invitation by Council to the European Commission to examine within two years after the entry into force of the Framework Decision, whether an additional instrument is needed.

Latvia considers that the adoption of such an instrument in the future would provide for an application of similar criteria towards these crimes and put on equal footing their victims all around the EU, as well as eliminate the denial and the distortion of the historical truth. At the same time it is essential to promote a common understanding of all these questions at EU level to all the EU Member States. Therefore the document, which was delivered during the 1st European hearing on "Crimes Committed by totalitarian regimes" in Brussels on 8 April 2008 and which was supported by the majority of the participants, should become as an inspiration for the future actions at the EU level.

Statement by Hungary

Hungary wishes to declare the following concerning its interpretation of the term "*public order*" as contained in Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law.

According to the settled case law of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Hungary, the only way for the freedom of expression to be restricted by means of criminal law is if the conduct endangers the rights of identified persons in a direct and obvious way and the conduct is likely to disturb public peace at the same time.

In order to support this narrow interpretation, in Hungary the term "*public order*" as contained in Article 1 paragraph 2 of the Framework Decision is covered by the term "*public peace*".

Statement by France under Article 1(4) of the Framework Decision

France declares, in accordance with Article 1(4), that it will make punishable the act of denying or grossly trivialising the crimes referred to in paragraph 1(c) and/or (d) only if the crimes referred to in these paragraphs have been established by a final decision of an international court.

Statement by Poland with regard to grossly distorting crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed for racist and xenophobic reasons

Poland emphasises that public gross distortion of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed for racist and xenophobic reasons constitutes a serious threat to the values protected under this Framework Decision and is comparable to the threats resulting from public condoning, denial or trivialisation of such crimes.

Poland understands that, for the sake of precision typical for the nature of criminal law, conduct of public gross distortion was not included in the provisions of the Framework Decision. However, this issue was reflected in the declaration of the Council.

Consequently, Poland wants to emphasise that grossly distorting the facts consisting in shifting the responsibility for crimes committed for racist and xenophobic reasons set forth in the Framework Decision from the actual perpetrators thereof, deserves condemnation and adequate reaction from the Member States. One of the examples of such actions is a use of a manifestly false term: "Polish concentration camps."

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Visa Information System (VIS) under the Schengen Borders Code

PE-CONS
3676/3/08 REV 3

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour except:
abstention: IE

**2909th meeting of the Council of the European Union
(AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 28 November
2008**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1207/2008 of 28 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 639/2004 on the management of fishing fleets registered in the Community outermost regions

14965/08
+ COR 1 (fi, sv)
+ COR 2 (en)
+ REV 1 (lv)

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour

Council Regulation (EC) No 1322/2008 of 28 November 2008 fixing the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea for 2009

15287/08
+ REV 1 (ro)

Qualified majority

All Member States in
favour

**Statements by the Council
re plaice and flounder:**

Scientific advice by STECF and ICES states that stock status of plaice and flounder in the Baltic is unknown. The only information available for this stock is landing statistics. The available data are insufficient for assessing the current stock size and exploitation. Management advice is therefore not available.

Data basis for the scientific advice provided by STECF and ICES derives from National laboratories in respective Member States.

Member States concerned will develop and implement a scientific program that will ensure sufficient availability of data facilitating the assessment of stock status and provision of recommendations for management measures from 2009 onwards.

Statement by the Commission

re Salmon in Subdivisions 22-31:

In view of possible transitional difficulties that coastal communities of certain Member States may face by the introduction of the driftnet ban in the Baltic Salmon fishery, the Commission recommends to explore measures offered by the European Fisheries Fund which may serve to address these problems. The Commission encourages efforts by the scientific community, in close cooperation with the concerned fishing industry, aimed at developing a replacement gear that would assure that the traditional salmon fishery is maintained within the framework of respective management measures.

re fishing effort for Eastern Baltic cod :

As regards fishing effort in the Eastern Baltic the reduction of the 10% is in line with the multi-annual plan. The Commission considers that this fishing effort will allow every Member State to catch its quota.

The Commission, in close cooperation with Member States concerned, will follow the development of quota and effort use during 2009 in order to assess if overall effort allocation for this year is sufficient to use the allocated quota and if necessary to address any problems arising from this assessment.

re pelagic species :

The Commission intends to develop a long-term management framework for pelagic species in the Baltic Sea as part of its work programme in 2009.

Statement by Estonia and Finland

re Salmon in Subdivision 32 :

Salmon in the Gulf of Finland (Subdivision 32) consists of only a few small wild populations together with a number of mixed/reared stocks. The large majority of the total Gulf of Finland salmon stock consists of reared salmon that are released for fisheries purposes. Condition of the wild stocks is poor and the status of the populations is considered to be unsafe.

Scientific advice by STECF and ICES recommend that there should be no catch of wild Estonian salmon in 2009 in the Gulf of Finland and fisheries should only be permitted at sites where there is no chance of taking wild salmon from the Gulf of Finland stocks along with reared salmon. Fishing in rivers and river mouths supporting wild stocks should be prevented.

Estonia and Finland will take suitable measures under their sovereignty in line with the specific recommendations by ICES and STECF to support recovery of the wild Salmon stocks in the Gulf of Finland.

Council Regulation (EC) No 1359/2008 of 28 November 2008 fixing for 2009 and 2010 the fishing opportunities for Community fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks	15286/08	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Commission on future reductions in fishing effort The Commission considers that it is important that the fishing effort allocated to the Community fleet fishing for deep sea species be aligned with the catch limits for deep sea stocks for 2009 and 2010. For this purpose and in order to comply with NEAFC 's agreement agreed in 2007, the Commission intends to include, in its Proposal for the Council Regulation establishing the fishing opportunities for 2009 other than those for the Baltic Sea, Black Sea and deep sea species, a reduction by 10% of the current fishing effort levels, measured in kW-days, for vessels holding deep-sea permits. Moreover, with respect to 2010 and in view of providing for a coherent system for long-term management of deep sea fisheries, the Commission foresees to prepare, during the course of 2009, a proposal for the revision of Council Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002 establishing specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks (OJ L 351, 28.12.2002, p. 6), including new effort limitations for deep-sea vessels.			
Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3671/08 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 (de) + ADD 1 REV 3 (bg) + ADD 2 + ADD 3 + ADD 4 + ADD 5 + ADD 6 + ADD 7 + ADD 8 + ADD 8 COR 2 (nl) + ADD 9	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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	+ ADD 11 COR 3 (nl)	
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Statement by the Commission, the Council and the European Parliament

The REACH Regulation requires ECHA to establish and maintain database(s) with the information on all registered substances, the classification and labelling inventory and the harmonised classification and labelling list. The three institutions note that ECHA, on the basis of substantive input from Member States and the Commission, will, as soon as possible, make available over the internet the chemical names corresponding to the International Chemical Identifications in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 of Annex VI in Community languages.

Statement by the Commission

After the chemical names corresponding to the International Chemical Identifications in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 of Annex VI have been made available over the internet in all Community languages, the Commission will initiate, as soon as possible, appropriate measures to include the chemical names in the regulation itself in all Community languages.

Directive 2008/112/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Council Directives 76/768/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 1999/13/EC and Directives 2000/53/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2004/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3672/3/08 REV 3	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 1336/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 3673/2/08 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF OTHER ACTS NOVEMBER 2008	
OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
2901st meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 4 November 2008 Council Conclusions on EU statistics and the 2008 EFC status report on information requirements in EMU 14525/08 + COR 1 (fr), 14524/08 2008/847/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 on the eligibility of central Asian countries under Decision 2006/1016/EC granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Community 10902/08 + REV 1 (el)	

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF OTHER ACTS NOVEMBER 2008	
OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
Council and Commission Declaration on certain conditions for European Investment Bank financing operations in the Central Asian countries The Council and the Commission agree for the European Investment Bank (the "EIB") and the Commission to observe the following principles when granting and approving EIB financing operations covered by Community guarantee according to Council Decision 2006/1016/EC¹ in the Central Asian Countries: EIB financing in Central Bank Asia should be carried out in close cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), in particular according to the terms set out in the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed on 15 December 2006 by the Commission, the EIB and the EBRD, in respect of cooperation in Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus, in Russia and in Central Asia, as amended or updated from time to time. Given that the external financial situation of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan is still fragile, these two countries should under the current situation only contract additional debt on concessional terms. EIB financing to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan should therefore only be provided in the context of financing packages comprising a substantial grant element until such time as the Commission, based on a review of the external financial situation of one or both of the two countries, considers that the situation in the country/countries under review has improved to such an extent that it should be possible for the EIB to grant stand-alone financing under Community guarantee. There is an acknowledged need for EIB lending in Central Asia to focus on energy supply and energy transport projects which also serve EU energy interests. With respect to energy supply and transport projects, EIB financing operations in Central Asia should be consistent with and support the EU policy objectives of diversification of energy sources and the Kyoto requirements, and of enhancement of environmental protection. 2008/846/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 appointing an Italian member of the Committee of the Regions 13877/08	

¹ Council Decision 2006/1016/EC of 19 December 2006 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans and loan guarantees for projects outside the Community, OJ L 414, 30.12.2006, p. 95.

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OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
2008/859/EC: Council Decision of 4 November 2008 amending Annex 3, Part I, to the Common Consular Instructions on third-country nationals subject to airport visa requirements 14434/08 + REV 1 (fi) Council Decision concerning the Community position within the EU-Morocco Association Council on the implementation of Article 84 of 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, in order to set up a customs cooperation committee, to adopt rules of procedure for the economic dialogue group and to amend the rules of procedure of certain subcommittees of the Association Committee 13819/08 Council Decision fixing the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States contributing to the European Development Fund (third instalment for 2008) 14409/08 Decision of the Council authorizing the Commission to negotiate an Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Department of Energy of the United States of America (USDOE) in the field of nuclear security research and development 14273/08 + REV 1 (nl, bg) Council Decision on the participation of the European Community in negotiations under the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer 13666/08 + COR 1 (mt)	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Community and its Member States, of the Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part 13698/08 2902nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS) held in Brussels on 10 November 2008 Council conclusions on local authorities as actors for development, working to reduce poverty 14450/08 + REV 1 (pt) Conclusions of the Council of the European Union and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on strengthening health systems in developing countries 14268/08 Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on regional integration and the Economic Partnership Agreements for development in the ACP countries 15078/08	

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Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Community within the ACP-EC Committee of Ambassadors regarding a decision on the allocation of resources to Somalia from the 10th European Development Fund 14060/08 Council Decision on the financial contributions to be paid by the Member States to finance the European Development Fund in 2009 and 2010, including the first instalment for 2009 14995/1/08 REV 1 Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine in relation to the preservation of commitments on trade in services contained in the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement 8968/08 + COR 1 (bg) + COR 2 (fi) Council Conclusions on trilateral dialogue and cooperation between the European Union, China and Africa 15125/08 Council conclusions on "One year after Lisbon: the Africa-EU partnership at work" 15126/08	

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Council Joint Action 2008/851/CFSP of 10 November 2008 on a European Union military operation to contribute to the deterrence, prevention and repression of acts of piracy and armed robbery off the Somali coast 13989/08 Council Guidelines for the European Defence Agency Work in 2009 15133/08 Council Decision 2008/842/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Annexes III and IV of Common Position 2007/140/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran 13336/1/08 REV 1 Council Regulation (EC) No 1110/2008 of 10 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 423/2007 concerning restrictive measures against Iran 13473/08 + COR 1 + REV 1 (mt) + REV 3 (sv) REV 4 (de) Council Joint Action 2008/862/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Joint Action 2005/889/CFSP on establishing a European Union Border Assistance Mission for the Rafah Crossing Point (EUBAM Rafah) 13692/08	

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Council Joint Action 2008/858/CFSP of 10 November 2008 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC), in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction 14362/08 Council Common Position 2008/843/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending and extending Common Position 2007/734/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Uzbekistan 14531/08 Council Common Position 2008/844/CFSP of 10 November 2008 amending Common Position 2006/276/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus 14537/3/08 REV 3 Guidelines for identification and implementation of lessons and best practices in civilian ESDP missions 15021/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on Burma/Myanmar 15254/08 Council Conclusions on Lebanon 15148/08	

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2903rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS) held in Brussels on 10 and 11 November 2008 Council Conclusions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo 15128/2/08 REV 2 ESDP: civilian crisis management capabilities : Declaration on Civilian Headline Goal 2010 15255/08 + COR 1 (fi) Council Conclusions on the ESDP 15310/08 Council Conclusions on the Western Balkans 14952/3/08 REV 3 Council Conclusions on Iraq 15547/08 Council Conclusions: Guidelines for EU participation in the International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, 29 November to 2 December 2008) 15075/1/08 REV 1 Declaration by the European Union on the International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, 29 November to 2 December 2008) 15570/08	

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Conclusions of the Council and of the representatives of the Governments of Member States meeting within the Council on the EU response to the food crisis 15285/08 2904th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 18, 19 and 20 November 2008 2008/872/EC: Council Decision of 18 November 2008 appointing two German alternate members of the Committee of the Regions 14816/08 Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Community within the ACP-EC Council of Ministers regarding a decision to revise Annex IV to the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement 12835/08 Council Common Position 2008/873/CFSP of 18 November 2008 renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire 15054/08 2905th meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE) held in Brussels on 20 and 21 November 2008	

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2008/885/EC: Council Decision of 20 November 2008 appointing 9 Romanian members and 11 Romanian alternate members of the Committee of the Regions 15181/1/08 REV 1 European Union Statement : One Word: Leadership, Keeping the promise to stop HIV/AIDS World AIDS Day (Paris - Brussels, 1 December 2008) 15740/08 + REV 1 (fi) Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Central Africa Party, of the other part 12122/1/08 REV 1 + REV 1 CORS 1-17 Council Regulation (EC) No 1210/2008 of 20 November 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 55/2008 introducing autonomous trade preferences for the Republic of Moldova 14903/08 Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Community with regard to proposals for amending Appendices I and II to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties 16029/08 + COR 1	

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Council Conclusions on the creation of a European heritage label by the European Union 14397/08 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (fi) + REV 3 (bg) + REV 4 (da) + REV 5 (hu) + REV 6 (ro) + REV 7 (lv) + COR 1 (de) Council Conclusions on architecture: culture's contribution to sustainable development 14399/08 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (da) + REV 3 (fi) + REV 4 (bg) + REV 5 (pl) + REV 6 (lv) + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (nl) Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the promotion of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue in the external relations of the Union and its Member States 14884/08 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (hu)	

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Statement by Portugal The Portuguese delegation states that it is only due to the importance of the subject in question and the need for the Council to adopt an agreed position on the matter that it is not opposing the adoption of these conclusions. Nevertheless, Portugal would like to emphasise that these Council conclusions, in an area which it regards as being of strategic importance and forming part of the priority interests of the European Union, fall short of the response which might be expected from this institution. Stressing the importance of all the European languages and their essential equality, whether it be in their use or their translation, we cannot refrain from insisting on their functional diversity in the actual world context. For this reason, Portugal also considers that these conclusions do not match up to the ambition expressed in the Commission Communication – nor to the various resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on this subject – and do not attach sufficient value to the enormous cultural, political and economic potential that derives from our sharing of languages with other regions of the world. Nor do they give sufficient weight to the strategic nature the European languages, particularly as official languages that we share with developing countries and around which there are sometimes vast organisations or networks that are essential to the construction of solutions for the reorganisation of the world made necessary and possible by the financial crisis and the prospects opened up by the new democratic leadership in America.	
Council Conclusions on the European digital library EUROPEANA 14870/08 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (sv) + REV 3 (el) + REV 4 (sl) + REV 5 (lv)	
Council Conclusions on the development of legal offers of online cultural and creative content and the prevention and combating of piracy in the digital environment 13605/08 + REV 1 (lv) + REV 2 (bg) + REV 3 (el) + REV 4 (da) + REV 5 (ro)	
Resolution of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 20 November 2008 on the health and well-being of young people 14877/08 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (sv)	

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Council Recommendation of 20 November 2008 on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union 14825/08 Council Resolution of 21 November 2008 on a European strategy for multilingualism 14841/08 + COR 1 Statement by Portugal The Portuguese delegation states that it is only due to the importance of the subject in question and the need for the Council to adopt an agreed position on the matter that it is not opposing the adoption of this Resolution. Nevertheless, Portugal would like to emphasise that this Council Resolution, in an area which it regards as being of strategic importance and forming part of the priority interests of the European Union, falls short of the response which might be expected from this institution. Portugal also considers that this Resolution does not match up to the ambition expressed in the Commission Communication, nor to the various resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on this subject, as it does not attach sufficient value to the enormous cultural, political and economic potential that derives from our sharing of languages with other regions of the world. Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the future priorities for enhanced European cooperation in vocational education and training (VET) 16459/08 Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on better integrating lifelong guidance into lifelong learning strategies 15030/08 + REV 1 (lv)	

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Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on preparing young people for the 21st century: an agenda for European cooperation on schools 14855/08 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (de) Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 21 November 2008 on youth mobility 14857/08 + REV 1 (de) 2906th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS /BUDGET) held in Brussels on 21 November 2008 Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part 12129/08 + REV 2 (it) + ADD 1 to 5	

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Statement by the Czech Republic The Czech Republic herewith declares that – since only the applicable internal procedures enabling the Czech Republic to approve the signature of the relevant Agreement on behalf of the European Community have been fulfilled so far, its approval is given at this moment solely to this end; – the Czech Republic will be able to sign the relevant Agreement on its own behalf as soon as the government of the Czech Republic gives its formal consent to this step and necessary full powers are obtained from the president of the Czech Republic; – the consent of the Czech Republic currently given to the above mentioned decision is without prejudice to the formal decision of the government of the Czech Republic on the signature of the relevant Agreements on behalf of the Czech Republic or not. Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the stepping stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ghana, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part 12130/08 + ADD 1 to 4 Statement by the Czech Republic The Czech Republic herewith declares that – since only the applicable internal procedures enabling the Czech Republic to approve the signature of the relevant Agreement on behalf of the European Community have been fulfilled so far, its approval is given at this moment solely to this end; – the Czech Republic will be able to sign the relevant Agreement on its own behalf as soon as the government of the Czech Republic gives its formal consent to this step and necessary full powers are obtained from the president of the Czech Republic; – the consent of the Czech Republic currently given to the above mentioned decision is without prejudice to the formal decision of the government of the Czech Republic on the signature of the relevant Agreements on behalf of the Czech Republic or not.	

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Council Decision 2008/884/CFSP of 21 November 2008 implementing Joint Action 2007/369/CFSP on the establishment of the European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL AFGHANISTAN) 14935/08 Council Conclusions on Review of the EU Plant Health Regime 15490/08 + REV 1 (en, fr) 2907th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATION and ENERGY) held in Brussels on 27 November 2008 Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the People's Republic of China on drug precursors and substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances 13001/1/08 REV 1 Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Armenia on certain aspects of air services 5760/4/08 REV 4 + REV 5 (pl) + REV 5 COR 1 (pl) + REV 6 (pt) + REV 7 (lt)	

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Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, of a Protocol to 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, as contracting parties of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania pursuant to their accession to the European Union 9116/08 2008/906/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 appointing two Danish members and two alternate members of the Committee of the Regions 15412/1/08 REV 1 2008/904/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 appointing a Dutch member and two Dutch alternate members of the Committee of the Regions 14894/08 Council Conclusions on Consultations with Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico in the field of Human Rights 16326/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on future networks and the internet 16616/08	

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2908th meeting of the Council of the European Union (JUSTICE and HOME AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 27 and 28 November 2008 Council Regulation (EC) No 1187/2008 of 27 November 2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of monosodium glutamate originating in the People's Republic of China 15232/08 Council Regulation (EC) No 1176/2008 of 27 November 2008 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 713/2005 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of certain broad spectrum antibiotics originating in India 14975/08 Amendment to the rules of procedure of the Court of Justice 14423/08 Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance 14427/08 Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal 14430/08 Council Decision of 27 November 2008 implementing Joint Action 2007/749/CFSP on the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) 15165/08	

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Council Conclusions on combating the criminal misuse and anonymous use of electronic communications 12694/4/08 REV 4 Council Conclusions on preventing and combating illicit trafficking in cultural goods 14224/2/08 REV 2 Guidelines on the implementation of Council Framework Decision 2006/960/JHA on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States of the European Union 15574/08 Council Conclusions on the coordination of police action on road safety 15676/08 Cooperation Agreement between CEPOL and the ICPO-Interpol General Secretariat 13756/08 Council Conclusions on a Concerted Work Strategy and Practical Measures Against Cybercrime 15569/08 EU Strategy for Combating Radicalisation and Recruitment to Terrorism 15175/08	

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Council Conclusions on the creation of a CBRN database 15294/2/08 REV 2 Council Conclusions on implementing an early warning mechanism for threats linked to terrorism and organised crime 16042/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on a group of "Friends of the VIS" 15433/08 Council Conclusions on strengthening relations between the European Union and the United Nations as regards disaster response capacity 14795/08 + COR 1 + COR 1 REV 1 (cs) + COR 2 + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (sl) Council conclusions on European disaster management training 15520/08 + REV 2 (sk) + REV 3 (sl) + REV 4 (ro) Council Conclusions calling for civil protection capabilities to be enhanced by a European mutual assistance system building on the civil protection modular approach 15653/08 + REV 1 (de) + REV 2 (ro) + REV 3 (sk) + REV 3 COR 1 (sk) Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 15152/08	

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Council Conclusions designed to reinforce the law enforcement action of EU Member States in the fight against drug trafficking in West Africa 15812/1/08 REV 1 Council Conclusions on possible cooperation mechanisms between civilian ESDP missions and EUROPOL as regards the mutual exchange of information 15771/08 + COR 1 2008/903/EC: Council Decision of 27 November 2008 on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Swiss Confederation 14798/08 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (sk) Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on integration policies in the European Union 15251/08 Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Convention on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters 9196/08	

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Statement by the Commission

Following the declaration made by the European Community in accordance with Article II(2) of Protocol 1 to the Lugano Convention, the Commission recalls that it did not propose such a declaration. This declaration has the effect of breaching the parallelism between the Lugano Convention and the parallel Community instrument Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, while the principal objective of the new Lugano Convention was to reinstall such parallelism. As a result, for the Commission this declaration is without prejudice to the ongoing revision of the rules on third party proceedings/notices in the context of Regulation (EC) No 44/2001 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters.

Declaration on the Mumbai/Bombay attacks
16435/08

Council Conclusions on the continuation of work on combating terrorism
15684/08 + COR 1 (en)

Council Conclusions on the evaluation of the Global Approach to Migration and on the partnership with countries of origin and transit
16041/08

Council Conclusions on the reception of Iraqi refugees
16113/1/08 REV 1

Council Conclusions on abuses and misuses of the right to free movement of persons
16151/1/08 REV 1

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European e-Justice action plan 15315/08 Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the establishment of a Network for legislative cooperation between the Ministries of Justice of the European Union 15312/08 Council Conclusions on child abduction alert 14612/2/08 REV 2 2909th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 28 November 2008	

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Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Barbados, Belize, the Republic of Congo, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of the Fiji Islands, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Mozambique, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Republic of Suriname, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 delivery periods and on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the same delivery periods 14962/08 Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine 14963/08 Statement by Cyprus Cyprus welcomes the conclusion of the wine agreement between the European Community and Australia. While recognising the importance of such an agreement, the omission of certain traditional expressions from Annex III remains a concern and one which the Cypriot side is confident the Commission will address at the first meeting of the Joint Committee following the signing of the agreement. In the light of the aforementioned, Cyprus understands the relevant negotiators' side letters as being legally binding in this respect. Consequently, Cyprus withdraws its reservation on the issue.	Qualified majority All Member States in favour, except: abstention: DE, HU, PT

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Statement by Hungary Hungary supports the conclusion of the <i>Agreement between the European Community and Australia on trade in wine</i>. Hungary considers that the Agreement represents progress in protecting European Union Member States' geographical designations. Annex II to the Agreement contains sufficient indication of geographical designations and the areas they cover, in compliance with the conditions laid down by national and Community law and administrative provisions. In Annex II to the Agreement, seven communes in Slovakia are listed under the geographical name of "Tokaj". However, this fact cannot be a justification for Slovakia to state, with reference to the geographical area that can be connected with the "Tokaj" geographical designation, that Hungary has recognised the communes listed as being part of the Tokaj wine-growing region. Statement by Portugal Port Phillip Portugal considers that the new EC/Australia wine agreement is globally positive. Portugal welcomes also the phasing out by Australia of the name "Port". Nevertheless, due to the unsatisfactory solution concerning the Australian GI "Port Phillip", Portugal will abstain voting for this Agreement. Portugal considers that the use of Australian geographical indication "Port Phillip" must not, in any way, take advantage of the prestigious and distinctive power of the appellation of origin "Port", damage its reputation or prestige or contribute to its dilution, mislead the consumer as to the origin, characteristics or nature of the product or constitute unfair competition. According to the provisions of paragraph 3 of article 23 and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Trips agreement, the Australian government should establish practical conditions, namely labelling rules, which ensure that "Port Phillip" will be differentiated from "Port" appellation of origin. Portugal will request that this issue will be included in the agenda of the first meeting of the Joint Committee of the agreement, in order to, jointly with Australia, find a solution mutually satisfactory.	
Presidency Conclusions on the 'Future of the CAP after 2013' 16287/08	LV, SE and UK were unable to agree to the text being adopted in the form of Council Conclusions