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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee / Council
Subject : Adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC on **packaging and packaging waste**
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 16.02.2005

1. On 25 February 2004, the Commission forwarded its proposal to the Council.¹

The proposal is intended to set a deadline by which the new targets under the revised packaging Directive must be achieved in the Member States having acceded to the European Union by virtue of the Accession Treaty of 16 April 2003. It is based on Article 95(1) of the Treaty.

2. On 2 June 2004, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted its Opinion.²
3. On 17 November 2004, the European Parliament adopted its Opinion.³

¹ Doc. 6891/04 - COM(2004) 127 final.

² OJ C 241, 28.9.2004, p. 20-21.

³ Doc. 14915/04.

4. On 24 November 2004, the Permanent Representatives Committee approved all the amendments contained in the European Parliament's first-reading Opinion.
5. The text of the draft Directive has since been finalised by the Legal/linguistic Experts of the Council and of the European Parliament.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to invite the Council at one of its forthcoming meetings to adopt, as an "A" item, the Directive as set out in PE-CONS 3601/05.
