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Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS
 JANUARY 2000

This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in January 2000. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council decided to make public (**Annex II**). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, as well as explanations of voting.

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

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

¹ With the exception of other acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

JANUARY 2000			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2239th Council (General Affairs) on 24 January 2000			
Council Regulation on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland	13812/99		
Council Decision authorising the Kingdom of Denmark and the Kingdom of Sweden to apply a measure derogating from Article 17 of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	12878/99 +REV 1 (s) +REV 1 COR 1 (s)		
2240th Council (Agriculture) on 24 January 2000			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 on the common organisation of the market in hops	9865/99 + COR 1 (d) + COR 2 (p)		
Council Decision adopting a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community	13878/99		
Council Decision amending Decision 76/228/ECSC on the granting of daily subsistence allowances and refunds of travel expenses to members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community	13620/99		DK against

Council Decision establishing the Employment Committee	13706/99 + COR 1 (es) PE-CONS 3634/99	1/00	
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of energy efficiency (SAVE) (1998-2002)			
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council adopting a multiannual programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the Community (ALTENER) (1998-2002)	PE-CONS 3633/99 + COR 1 (fin)	2/00	
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Culture 2000 programme	PE-CONS 3638/99 + COR 1 (f) + COR 2	3/00, 4/00	
2241st Council (ECOFIN) ON 31 January 2000			
Council Decision amending Decision 95/514/EC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries	5553/00		
Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles ("Parallel Agreement")	10167/99 + COR 1 + COR 2 (f,d,i,gr,es,p,fin)	5/00	B abstention

Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff	13563/99 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (gr)	6/00	I abstention
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STATEMENT 1/00**Re Article 3(4):**

“The Council would give a reminder that, when the Committee establishes its own rules of procedure in conformity with Article 3(4) of this Council Decision, they will include a provision identical to that contained in Article 13 of the rules of procedure of the Employment and Labour Market Committee, which lays down that “questions which are not dealt with in these internal rules of procedure, including the language arrangements, shall be subject to the provisions in force relating to the corresponding topics”.

STATEMENT 2/00

Joint statement

"The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission declare that the opening up the ALTENER programme to the associated Mediterranean countries envisaged in the MEDA programme should be examined in the context of the next revision of this programme."

STATEMENT 3/00

Commission declaration for the mid-term evaluation

"The Commission states that in the context of the report which it will draw up in accordance with article 7 of the Decision of the European Parliament and the Council, it will proceed to evaluate the results of the Programme. This evaluation will also consider the question of financial resources in the context of the Community's financial perspectives. If need be, the report will include a proposal for modifying the Decision. The Commission is committed to carrying out this exercise before the 30th of June 2002.

STATEMENT 4/00

Declaration by the Commission

"Without prejudice to the horizontal approach of the framework program "Culture 2000" the Commission presents its intentions with reference to the budgetary allocation for the different sectors of intervention which figure in Annex II of the Decision; an allocation which takes into the account the results of the calls for proposal in quantitative and qualitative terms.

Music, arts performances, etc = 35% (as they figure in Annex II, 1.a)

Books, reading and translation = 11% (as they figure in Annex II, 1.b)

Cultural heritage = 34% (as it figures in Annex II, 1.c)

The measures relating to the definitive annual budgetary allocation will be set in accordance with the procedure of article 4 (Comitology)".

STATEMENT 5/00

"Belgium fully supports the aim of international standardisation for motor vehicles and is thus in favour of the Community's accession to the Parallel Agreement negotiated within the Economic Commission for Europe.

However, it considers the matter to come under the Community's common commercial policy and the only valid legal basis accordingly to be Article 133 of the Treaty, as in fact originally proposed by the Commission. It has therefore decided to abstain from voting.

Following Opinion 1/94 given by the Court of Justice, Belgium would point out that it is essential to ensure close cooperation between the Member States and the Community institutions, both in the process of negotiation and conclusion and in the fulfilment of the commitments entered into. That obligation to cooperate flows from the requirement of unity in the international representation of the Community".

STATEMENT 6/00

"When agreeing to the Commission proposal for amendment of certain articles of Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and the Common Customs Tariff, in particular Articles 2 and 6 thereof, Member States stressed the fundamental importance of Taric for all customs activities as a central source of information on EC import and export legislation and at the same time serving a multitude of purposes equally important to the proper functioning of the Single Market. The establishment and maintenance of this complex multilingual information database requires a specialised, highly qualified and motivated staff and a close co-operation with all those who provide the data as well as with the Member States. These prerequisites do not and cannot be fulfilled by any external body. Moreover, the need for impartiality and confidentiality cannot be met to satisfaction by any external body. The introduction of the renewed provisions of this Regulation are not intended to change the present system of establishing and maintenance either of the Combined Nomenclature or of the Taric."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2239th Council (General Affairs) on 24 January 2000	
<p>Council Regulation adopting autonomous and transitional measures concerning the importation of certain processed agricultural products originating in Latvia 13805/99 + COR 1</p> <p>Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion 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 13019/99 4132/99 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 (pt) + ADD 1 COR 2 (da) + ADD 1 COR 3 (nl) + ADD 1 COR 4 (el) + ADD 1 COR 5 ;(fr,el,es,sv) + ADD 1 COR 6 (fr) + ADD 1 COR 7 (sv) + ADD 1 REV 1 (fi) + ADD 1 REV 1 COR 1 (fi) + ADD 1 REV 1 COR 2 (fi)</p> <p>Council Regulation reimposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of leather handbags originating in the People's Republic of China and sold for export to the Community by certain exporting producers and amending Regulation (EC) No 1567/97 5150/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2320/97 inter alia imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Russia 14222/99</p> <p>Council Regulation repealing Regulation (EEC) No 3433/91 insofar as it imposes a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of gas-fuelled, non-refillable pocket flint lighters originating in Japan 5123/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan 5153/00</p> <p>Council Regulation terminating the anti-dumping proceedings concerning imports of certain Large Aluminium Electrolytic Capacitors originating in Japan, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan 14000/99</p>	

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<p>Council Regulation renewing for 2000 the measures laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain processed agricultural products 13499/99 + COR 1 (de)</p> <p>Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters amending the Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Hungary and Romania on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines, and amending Regulation (EC) No 933/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines 14122/99 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (da) + COR 3 (sv) + COR 4 + COR 5 (fi)</p> <p>Council Common Position amending and supplementing Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning additional restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) 5456/00 + COR 1 (fi)</p> <p>Common Position adopted by the Council on Afghanistan 5455/00 + COR 1 (fi)</p> <p>2240th Council (Agriculture) on 24 January 2000</p> <p>Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of aerial-survey and remote-sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 1999-2003 13300/99</p> <p>Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors 11256/99 + COR 1 (fi)</p> <p>Council Regulation adjusting the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission in Austria, Finland and Sweden laid down in Article 13 of Annex VII to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities 13795/99</p>	

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<p>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 1 June 1999 to 31 May 2002, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe on fishing off the coast of São Tomé e Príncipe 14037/99</p> <p>Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine 14198/99</p> <p>2241st Council (ECOFIN) on 31 January 2000</p> <p>Council Common Position on the proposed Protocol against the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in firearms, their parts and components and ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime 5584/99</p> <p>Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of Finland, 1999-2003 5789/99</p> <p>Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of the Netherlands, 1999-2002 5787/99</p> <p>Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of Ireland 2000-2002 5788/00</p> <p>Council Opinion on the updated convergence programme of Sweden, 1999-2002 5791/00</p>	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Opinion on the updated convergence programme of Greece, 1999–2002 5790/00	

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