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NOTE

Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS
JANUARY 2006

This document contains:

- in Annex I, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in January 2006. This is accompanied by statements in the minutes which may be released to the public (Annex II). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, explanations of vote, and the voting rules applicable;
- in Annex III, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in January 2006, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of vote and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

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It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question may also be obtained from the Transparency Department (transparency@consilium.eu.int).

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.

JANUARY 2006				
TITLES OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2703rd Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 January 2006				
Council Decision amending Decision 90/424/EC on expenditure in the veterinary field	5001/7/06 REV 7		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing accompanying measures for Sugar Protocol countries affected by the reform of the EU sugar regime	PE-CONS 3673/05 + COR 1 (fi)	1/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.
Council Decision on the approval of exceptional national aid by the Republic of Cyprus to Cypriot farmers for the purpose of repaying part of agricultural debts created long before accession of Cyprus to the European Union	15382/05 + COR 1 (es)		Unanimity	All Member States in favour, except the following. Abstentions: Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom.

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TITLES OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2704th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 24 January 2006				
Council Decision authorising Latvia to extend the application of a measure derogating from Article 21 of the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	15653/05 + COR 1 (sv) + REV 1 (lt)		Unanimity	All Member States in favour.
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products	15812/05 + COR 1 (fi) + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 (hu) + ADD 1 REV 1 COR 1 (hu) + ADD 1 REV 2 (lt) + ADD 1 REV2 COR 1 (lt)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.

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TITLES OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2705th Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 30 January 2006				
Council Regulation laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union	15367/05 + COR 1 (pt)	2/06, 3/06, 4/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except the following. Against: Denmark, Sweden.
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products	15810/05 + REV 1 (hu) + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 (fi) + ADD 1 REV 1 (lt) + ADD 1 REV 2 (hu)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on pollution caused by certain dangerous substances discharged into the aquatic environment of the Community (codified version)	PE-CONS 3649/05 + REV 1 (pl)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour, except the following. Abstentions: Italy.
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the management of waste from extractive industries and amending Directive 2004/35/EC	PE-CONS 3665/1/05 REV 1 + REV 2 (fi) + REV 3 (hu) + REV 4 (pt)	5/06, 6/06, 7/06	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.

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TITLES OF DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste (codified version)	PE-CONS 3652/05 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (et)		Qualified majority	All Member States in favour.

STATEMENT 1/06

Statement by the Council

"The Council's acceptance of Amendment 10 to Article 11(3) is without prejudice to its position on both the level and the source of any funding after 1 January 2007."

STATEMENT 2/06

Statement by the Commission re Article 4

"Whilst recognising the pragmatic benefits of the proposed phasing-out approach to the problem of the re-dispatching of sugar from the Azores, the Commission would like to underline that this type of measure could only be envisaged due to the exceptional circumstances of the production of sugar in the Azores and to the dependence of the economy of the islands on a very limited number of productions.

The Commission reserves its right as regards possible redress of the past."

STATEMENT 3/06

Statement by the Spanish delegation re Article 6

"At the end of the period, the Commission will review this measure and submit an appropriate proposal in the general report provided for in Article 28(3)."

STATEMENT 4/06

Statement by the Austrian, German, Greek, Netherlands and United Kingdom delegations re Article 23

"Austria, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom would like to emphasize that their agreement to the Regulation is based on the understanding that paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 23 do not specify expenditure commitments, but rather define maximum expenditure ceilings, which do not prejudice the annual budgetary procedures."

STATEMENT 5/06

Interinstitutional statement by the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission

"The Council, the European Parliament and the Commission welcome the Joint Declaration by Bulgaria and Romania on the implementation of the forthcoming Directive on the Management of Waste from Extractive Industries."

STATEMENT 6/06

Joint declaration by Bulgaria and Romania on the implementation of the forthcoming Directive on the Management of Waste from Extractive Industries

"In view of the significance of the present Directive for environmental protection in Europe, Bulgaria and Romania, in their status of States acceding the European Union, consider it an important part of the acquis. In this respect Bulgaria and Romania will transpose the directive into their national legislation by the date of transposition indicated in the text.

Bulgaria and Romania are committed to make all necessary efforts to implement the Directive within the deadlines provided for in the text. Both Bulgaria and Romania are already taking measures to ensure compliance of the existing installations falling into the scope of the European legislation in force, such as the Waste Framework Directive, the Landfill Directive, the IPPC Directive and the respective legislation concerning surface and groundwater protection.

With the present Joint Declaration Bulgaria and Romania state their strong political will to undertake all necessary measures to comply with the provisions of the Directive on the Management of Waste from Extractive Industries in the same way as the other Member States."

STATEMENT 7/06

Statement by Portugal

"Taking account of its strong, centuries-old mining tradition, Portugal cannot fail to be very concerned about the possible retroactive effect of implementation of the future Directive on the management of waste from extractive industries, which will necessitate considerable expenditure on long-abandoned workings.

That being the case, Portugal will need considerable Community financial support to cover the cost of the inventory of closed and abandoned waste facilities and the programme of measures for reclaiming such facilities."

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedure completed on 9 January 2006	
Council Regulation extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EC) No 2074/2004 on imports of certain ring binder mechanisms originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of the same product consigned from the Lao People's Democratic Republic 15901/05 + COR 1 (lt)	
Written procedure completed on 13 January 2006	
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 92/2002 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of urea originating in Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Libya, Lithuania, Romania and the Ukraine 15981/05	
Written procedure completed on 17 January 2006	
Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of farmed salmon originating in Norway 5087/06 + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (lt)	Against: Spain, Estonia, France, Latvia, Netherlands, Sweden. Abstentions: Denmark, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia.

JANUARY 2006	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedure completed on 19 January 2006	
Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 1975/2004 and (EC) No 1976/2004 extending definitive anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film originating in India, to imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film consigned from Brazil and from Israel, whether declared as originating in Brazil or Israel or not 16099/05	
2703rd Council meeting (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 23 January 2006	
Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 18 January 2005 to 17 January 2011, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles 13539/05	
Council Decision amending the Council's Rules of Procedure 14591/05	
Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the Accession Partnership with Turkey 15671/05	
Council Common Position renewing the restrictive measures imposed against Liberia 16076/05	
Council Common Position renewing and supplementing the restrictive measures imposed against Côte d'Ivoire 16071/05	
Council Common Position repealing Common Position 96/184/CFSP concerning arms exports to the former Yugoslavia 15498/05	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Decision enabling countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy, as well as Russia, to benefit from the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX) Programme 12786/05 + COR 1 (fr) + REV 1 (nl) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 74/2004 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of cotton-type bed linen originating in India 15542/05 + COR 1 (lt) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1338/2002 imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of sulphanilic acid originating in India and amending Regulation (EC) No 1339/2002 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of sulphanilic acid originating, <i>inter alia</i>, in India 15887/05 + COR 1 (el) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (en) Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1858/2005 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of steel ropes and cables originating, <i>inter alia</i>, in India 5046/06 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 950/2001 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain aluminium foil originating, <i>inter alia</i>, in Russia 5202/06 Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of tartaric acid originating in the People's Republic of China 5216/06 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) 12064/05 + COR 1 (pt) + COR 2 (da) + REV 1 (de) + ADD 1, 15148/05 + ADD 1	Against: Poland. Abstentions: United Kingdom. Abstentions: Czech Republic. Against: Denmark, Finland, Sweden. Abstentions: Estonia.

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
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 protection of groundwater against pollution 12062/05 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (pt) + COR 3 (da) + COR 4 (es) + ADD 1, 15149/05 + ADD 1 2704th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs) on 24 January 2006 Council Decision providing macro-financial assistance to Georgia 14840/05, 15711/05 + ADD 1 2705th Council meeting (General Affairs and External Relations) on 30 January 2006 Council Common Position renewing restrictive measures against Zimbabwe 5277/06 Council Joint Action appointing the European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina 5112/06 + COR 1 (fr) Council Common Position extending and amending Common Position 2004/133/CFSP on restrictive measures against extremists in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) 5247/06 Council Decision on the Principles, Priorities and Conditions contained in the European Partnership with Albania and repealing Decision 2004/519/EC 15263/05 Council Regulation on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Bosnia and Herzegovina and repealing Decision 2004/515/EC 15267/05	Against: Germany, Italy, Hungary, Sweden.

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and repealing Decision 2004/518/EC 15288/05 Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with Serbia and Montenegro including Kosovo as defined by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of 10 June 1999 and repealing Decision 2004/520/EC 15283/05 + COR 1 (fi) • Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Australia pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the course of their accession to the European Union 15909/05 + REV 2 (hu) • Council Regulation concerning the implementation of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Australia pursuant to Article XXIV:6 and Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions in the schedules of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic in the course of their accession to the European Union, supplementing Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff 15910/05 + REV 1 (hu)	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
• Council Decision amending and extending Decision 2001/923/EC establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the "Pericles" programme) • Council Decision extending to the non-participating Member States the application of the Decision amending and extending Decision 2001/923/EC establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the "Pericles" programme) 15041/05 + COR 1 (fr), 15042/05, 15483/05 Council Decision on the signing on behalf of the European Community and provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters extending the Protocol setting out, for the period from 1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006, the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe on fishing off the coast of São Tomé and Príncipe 15967/05 Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on further European cooperation in quality assurance in higher education PE-CONS 3666/05	Against: United Kingdom.

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