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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in February 1999. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council has decided may be released to the public (**Annex II**). It 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 <sup>1</sup> adopted by the Council in February 1999, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to release to the public.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

| <b>FEBRUARY 1999</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                      |                     |                                         |
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| <b>DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>TEXTS ADOPTED</b>                                                                                                 | <b>STATEMENTS</b>   | <b>VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTING</b> |
| European Parliament and Council Decision amending Decision No 719/96/EC of 29 March 1996 establishing a programme to support artistic and cultural activities having a European dimension (Kaleidoscope)                                                                                                                                                               | PE-CONS 3637/98                                                                                                      | 12/99,13/99         |                                         |
| European Parliament and Council Decision amending Decision No 2085/97/EC of 6 October 1997 establishing a programme of support, including translation, in the field of books and reading (Ariane)                                                                                                                                                                      | PE-CONS 3636/98                                                                                                      | 14/99,15/99         |                                         |
| Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 with a view to extending them to cover students | 13869/98<br>+ COR 1<br>(f,d,i,nl,en,dk,gr,es,fin,s)<br>+ COR 2 (dk)<br>+ COR 3 (i,gr)<br>+ REV 2 (p)<br>+ REV 3 (es) | 16/99, 17/99, 18/99 |                                         |
| Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 850/98 for the conservation of fishery resources through technical measures for the protection of juveniles of marine organisms                                                                                                                                                                                         | 13047/98                                                                                                             |                     |                                         |
| Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2299/89 on a code of conduct for computer reservation systems (CRSs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 5422/99<br>+ REV 1 (fin)                                                                                             |                     |                                         |

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| <b>2161st Council meeting (General Affairs), on 22 February 1999</b><br><br>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 975/98 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation | 5987/99       |            |                                  |

**STATEMENT 12/99**

**Statement by the Netherlands delegation**

The Netherlands states that this increase in the budget for the transitional year 1999 has no implications for the Netherlands' approach to the future financial perspective. The Netherlands argues for genuine zero growth in EU expenditure overall and per category, including category III.

**STATEMENT 13/99**

**Statement by the Spanish and Greek delegations**

Spain and Greece state that the figures in the financial perspective approved at Edinburgh by way of commitment appropriations, not payment appropriations, for 1999 are the ones that should be used as a reference for the 2000-2006 financial perspective for the 15 current Member States. Consequently, Spain and Greece do not agree with the Netherlands delegation's approach involving zero growth in overall EU expenditure and specifically category III.

## **STATEMENT 14/99**

### **Statement by the Netherlands delegation:**

The Netherlands states that this increase in the budget for the transitional year 1999 has no implications for the Netherlands' approach to the future financial perspective. The Netherlands argues for genuine zero growth in EU expenditure overall and per category, including category III.

## **STATEMENT 15/99**

### **Statement by the Spanish and Greek delegations**

Spain and Greece state that the figures in the financial perspective approved at Edinburgh by way of commitment appropriations, not payment appropriations, for 1999 are the ones that should be used as a reference for the 2000-2006 financial perspective for the 15 current Member States. Consequently, Spain and Greece do not agree with the Netherlands delegation's approach involving zero growth in overall EU expenditure and specifically category III.

## **STATEMENT 16/99**

### **Statement by the Council on the extension of the Regulations to cover students only**

"The Council reaffirms its commitment to extending the Regulations to all other insured persons not at present covered. Taking note, however, of the need to include students, and the problems encountered in reaching agreement on suitable coordination arrangements for other insured persons not at present covered, the Council has agreed that the extension to students should be given priority.

The Council recognises, however, that the Commission proposal on the extension of the coordination of national legislation concerning all other insured persons not at present covered remains before the Council and agrees, in this context, that the provisions relating to benefits in case of invalidity, old age and death (pensions) are an essential part of that extension, especially for persons residing in a Member State for the purpose of study or vocational training."

## **STATEMENT 17/99**

### **Statement by the Council and the Commission on recital 11 and the entry in Annex VI for the United Kingdom**

"The Council and the Commission state that the entry in Annex VI for the United Kingdom is explained partly by the specific nature of the United Kingdom's own rules and partly by the fact that the system of coordinating social security schemes is not being extended to students as regards, in particular, invalidity. Consequently, this derogation is entirely without prejudice to solutions that may be adopted in future regarding extension to other risks or persons and will have to be reviewed at the forthcoming extension, to students in particular, of all the provisions on the coordination of social security schemes."

## **STATEMENT 18/99**

Statement by the French, Greek, Italian and Portuguese delegations concerning the scope of the Regulation:

"France, Greece, Italy and Portugal

- support the extension of the Regulations to students insured under a general or a special social security scheme and would recall that this is a commitment made by the Council on 4 June 1998 when the Regulations were extended to the special schemes for civil servants;
  - regret that this extension to students is only very limited, in particular since the provisions originally planned have been abandoned, yet no provision has been laid down to determine the national social security legislation applicable to the persons concerned."
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| <b>FEBRUARY 1999</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
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| <b>OTHER ACTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Votes made public</b> |
| <p><b>2160th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Affairs), on 8 February 1999</b></p> <p>Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the Communities a Council Opinion on the stability programme of Ireland (adopted at the Council meeting on 18 January 1999)<br/>5101/99 + REV 1 (fin) + COR 1 (s)</p> <p>Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the Communities a Council Opinion on the stability programme of Austria (adopted at the Council meeting on 18 January 1999)<br/>5370/99</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 1890/97 and (EC) No 1891/97 imposing definitive anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of farmed Atlantic salmon originating in Norway<br/>5441/99</p> <p>Council Resolution on fixed book prices in homogeneous cross-border linguistic areas<br/>5482/99 + COR 1 (s) + REV 1 (p)</p> <p>Resolution of the Council and the Ministers for Youth meeting within the Council on youth participation<br/>13688/98</p> <p>European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 67/548/EEC as regards the labelling of certain dangerous substances in Austria and Sweden<br/>- Adoption of the Council's common position<br/>14397/98 + COR 1 (fin)</p> <p>Council Regulation laying down for 1999 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guiana<br/>5506/99</p> |                          |

| <b>FEBRUARY 1999</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
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| <b>OTHER ACTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Votes made public</b> |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 15 February 1999</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) laying down the weightings applicable from 1 July 1998 to the remuneration of officials of the European Communities serving in third countries<br>14393/98                                               |                          |
| <b>2161st Council meeting (General Affairs), on 22 February 1999</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |                          |
| Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in Taiwan and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed<br>5600/99                                                                     |                          |
| Council Decision on the conclusion of the framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama<br>5706/99                            |                          |
| Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities a Council Opinion on the stability programme presented by Portugal (adopted at the Council meeting on 8 February 1999)<br>5899/99 + REV 1 (fin,s)                       |                          |
| Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities a Council Opinion on the stability programme presented by Italy (adopted at the Council meeting on 8 February 1999)<br>5898/99 + COR 1 (s) + REV 1 (fin)                |                          |
| Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities a Council Opinion on the convergence programme presented by Sweden (adopted at the Council meeting on 8 February 1999)<br>5900/99 + REV 1 (fin)                         |                          |
| Decision to publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities a Council Opinion on the convergence programme presented by the United Kingdom (adopted at the Council meeting on 8 February 1999)<br>5901/99 + COR 1 (s) + REV 1 (fin) |                          |

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| OTHER ACTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Votes made public |
| <p>Council Decision repealing common position 98/448/CFSP concerning Belarus<br/>6020/99</p> <p>Council Resolution on the 1999 employment guidelines<br/>5530/99 + REV 1(p)</p> <p>Council Decision on an Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation between the European Community and the State of Israel<br/>12422/98, 12439/98</p> <p><b>2162nd Council meeting (Agriculture), on 23 February 1999</b></p> <p>Common position with a view to adopting a Council Directive relating to the availability of consumer information on fuel economy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in respect of the marketing of new passenger cars<br/>5617/99 + COR 1</p> <p>Common position with a view to adopting a Council Decision establishing a scheme to monitor the average specific emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from new passenger cars<br/>5621/99</p> <p>Common position with a view to adopting a Council Regulation on substances that deplete the ozone layer<br/>5748/99 + COR 1 (d,en), + COR 2 (f), + COR 3 (i), + COR 4 (i,en), + REV 1 (fin)</p> |                   |

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