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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in February 2002. This 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, explanations of vote, and the voting rule applicable.
- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in February 2002, 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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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.

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES/EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AND VOTING RULE
Legislative acts adopted after 2nd reading by the European Parliament in the framework of the codecision procedure			
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheel motor vehicles and repealing Council Directive 92/61/EEC (5.2.2002)	5958/02		Qualified majority
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 77/799/EEC concerning mutual assistance by the competent authorities of the Member States in the field of direct and indirect taxation (6.2.2002)	6257/02		Qualified majority
2407th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Questions) on 12 February 2002			
Council Directive amending Directive 92/79/EEC, Directive 92/80/EEC and Directive 95/59/EC as regards the structure and rates of excise duty applied on manufactured tobacco	14648/01 + COR 1 (fr)	6/02, 7/02, 8/02	Unanimity
Council Regulation establishing measures to be applicable in 2002 for the recovery of the stock of cod in the Irish Sea (ICES Division VIIa)	5250/02		Qualified majority

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES/EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AND VOTING RULE
• Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services (Authorisation Directive) • Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on universal service and users' rights relating to electronic communications networks and services (Universal Service Directive) • Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on a regulatory framework for radio spectrum policy in the European Community (Radio Spectrum Decision)	PE-CONS 3671/01 PE-CONS 3673/01 PE-CONS 3674/01		Qualified majority
Council Directive amending Directive 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine and repealing Directive 74/649/EEC 2409th Council meeting (General Affairs) on 18 February 2002 Council Regulation establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments	14685/01 + COR 1 (es) + COR 2 (nl) 12323/01 + COR 1 (da)	13/02, 14/02, 15/02, 16/02, 17/02, 18/02, 19/02, 20/02, 21/02, 22/02, 23/02 24/02	Qualified majority Qualified majority Qualified majority Qualified majority Unanimity

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES/EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AND VOTING RULE
• Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas • Council Regulation on a uniform format for forms for affixing the visa issued by Member States to persons holding travel documents not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form	15179/01 + COR 1 (nl,es) 13473/01 + COR 1 + COR 2 (de,nl,en,el,es,fi)		Unanimity Unanimity
2410th Council meeting (Agriculture) on 18 February 2002			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2019/93 introducing specific measures for the smaller Aegean islands concerning certain agricultural products	6179/02 + COR 1		Qualified majority
Council Decision on Guidelines for Member States' employment policies for the year 2002	5224/02		Qualified majority
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community	PE-CONS 3677/01 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (fi)	25/02	Qualified majority
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road-transport activities	PE-CONS 3676/01	26/02, 27/02, 28/02, 29/02	E/FIN/EL against Qualified majority

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2411th Council meeting (Justice, Home Affairs and Civil Protection) on 28 February 2002			
Council Decision setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime	5358/02 + COR 1 (el) + COR 2 (nl) + COR 3 (fi) + COR 4 (fi) + COR 5 (en) + REV 1 (sv)	30/02, 31/02, 32/02, 33/02, 34/02, 35/02, 36/02, 37/02, 38/02, 39/02	Unanimity
Council Decision concerning control measures and criminal sanctions in respect of the new synthetic drug PMMA	15330/01 + COR 1		Unanimity
Council Regulation laying down certain rules to implement Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention	6328/02	40/02, 41/02	Unanimity

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES/EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AND VOTING RULE	
Wine sector		42/02	S/DK/E/NL/UK abstention Unanimity	
- Council Decision on the granting of exceptional national aid by the Government of the French Republic for the distillation of certain wine sector products - Council Decision on the granting of exceptional national aid by the Government of the Italian Republic for the distillation of certain wine sector products	6182/02 + COR 1 (da,en,it,pt,sv) 6183/02		Unanimité	

STATEMENT 6/02**Statement by the Swedish delegation re Article 1(1)**

"The Swedish delegation states that provided that the provision in Article 2 of Council Directive 92/79/EEC, which allows Member States which levy a total excise duty of at least EUR 95 per 1 000 cigarettes for cigarettes of the price category most in demand not to comply with the 57% minimum incidence requirement, leads to changes in the Danish cross-border shopping regarding cigarettes which are taxed lower than EUR 95 per 1 000 cigarettes, the Swedish Government is prepared to consider to propose an amendment of the Swedish Tobacco Tax Act so that all cigarettes would be taxed with at least EUR 95 per 1000 cigarettes."

STATEMENT 7/02**Statement by the Commission re Article 1(2) and Article 2(2)**

"The Commission states that it intends to submit the reports referred to in Articles 4 of Directives 92/79/EEC and 92/80/EEC during the first semester of 2006 paying special attention to the situation of Spain and to the other Member States which could be faced with similar problems."

STATEMENT 8/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 2(1)

"The Commission states that, in its next review report provided for under Article 4 of Directive 92/79/EEC and Directive 92/80/EEC, it will present sufficient elements in order to proceed to an overall review of the possibility to bring the structure of excise duties for fine-cut smoking tobacco into line with the structure of excise duties for cigarettes."

STATEMENT 9/02

Statement by the Council and the Commission

Ad Article 1(2) (amending Articles 18, 19, 20)

"The Council and the Commission state that for the purpose of Article 19(7) share-indexed and unit-linked funds shall be considered equivalent to investment funds."

STATEMENT 10/02

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will re-examine the problems encountered by small insurance companies within the scope of Solvency II review."

STATEMENT 11/02

Statement by the French delegation

"The French delegation welcomes the Commission confirmation that the notion of supplementary contributions ("rappel de cotisations") may be freely interpreted by the Member States in transposing the Directives."

STATEMENT 12/02

Statement by the Austrian delegation

"At the time of adoption of the framework Directive, Austria wishes to place on record its interpretation of the wording of Article 4, upon which Austria's agreement to the Directive hinges.

With regard to the appeal body's powers of review, Austria has repeatedly pointed to the incompatibility with the Austrian constitution of the European Parliament's call for renewed consideration of the actual facts of the case as a whole by the appeal body. Such powers of review, moreover, appear inadvisable in practice for two reasons:

1. the expertise required for a proper ruling on the facts lies primarily with the specific national regulatory authorities for the telecommunications market;
2. renewed establishment of the facts of the case by the appeal body would result in procedural delay detrimental to telecommunications operators.

The third sentence in Article 4(1) of the framework Directive, the wording of which refers to the procedure as a whole, reflects this understanding of the legal position. In Austria's view, the powers of review of the Austrian Administrative Court are consistent with the obligations arising out of the Directive."

STATEMENT 13/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 2: Article 3(3)

"The Commission states that within 12 months of the entry into force of this Directive it will examine, in the Standing Committee on Seeds, the possibility of amending Annex II to Directive 68/193/EEC (section concerning the minimum length of rootstock cuttings for grafting), with a view to making Article 3(3) of the current Directive superfluous."

STATEMENT 14/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 2: Article 3(3)(c)

"The Commission undertakes to examine, within the Standing Committee on Seeds, the conditions applicable to trade between farmers and conservationists with a view to preserving biodiversity once the implementing provisions on marketing have been adopted."

STATEMENT 15/02

Statement by the German delegation re Article 1, point 2: Article 3(4)(d)

"The German delegation states that if meristems are used in *in vitro* propagating techniques somaclonal variations may occur. To avoid the variety's authenticity being affected as far as possible, particular account should be taken of these risks when setting, in accordance with Article 17(2) of the Directive, the requirements to be met by material derived from *in vitro* propagation."

STATEMENT 16/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 3: Article 4

"The Commission states that within 12 months of the entry into force of this Directive it will examine, in the Standing Committee on Seeds, the possibility of amending Annex IV to Council Directive 68/193/EEC with a view to prescribing the indication on the official label of the country of origin of the material before grafting, where the parts of the plant to be grafted have been produced in another country."

STATEMENT 17/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 6: Article 5ba

"The Commission confirms that it will take full account of any changes made to Directive 2001/18/EC when preparing its forthcoming proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the marketing of genetically modified varieties of vine."

STATEMENT 18/02

Statement by the Council and the Commission re Article 1, point 6: Article 5ba

"The Council and the Commission confirm that the general provisions of parts A, B and D of Directive 2001/18/EC will remain applicable after the entry into force of the Regulation provided for in Article 5ba(2)(b)."

STATEMENT 19/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 6: Article 5ab

"In preparing the proposal for the European Parliament and Council Regulation referred to in Article 5ba(2)(b) the Commission intends to include a provision that the technical and scientific details of implementing the environmental risk assessment and the other requirements shall be adopted in accordance with the committee procedures."

STATEMENT 20/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 6: Article 5ab

"The Commission confirms that the future Regulation foreseen by this Directive in Article 5ba will be developed as sectoral legislation taking into account the specific characters of vine material in the traditional European agricultural context as well as the need for appropriate measures to avoid any adverse effects on human health and the environment, including possible long term impacts, in accordance with the principles set out in Annex II of Directive 2001/18/EC.

The Commission intends to submit the proposal for this sectoral legislation as soon as possible."

STATEMENT 21/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 12: Article 8(2)

"The Commission undertakes, within 12 months after this Directive has come into force, to examine in the Standing Committee on Seeds the possibility of further clarifying the concept of "small quantity to final consumer" and to draw up measures as appropriate."

STATEMENT 22/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 14: Article 10(3)

"The Commission undertakes to examine the question of the uniform document provided for in Regulation (EC) No 1493/1999 at the earliest opportunity."

STATEMENT 23/02

Statement by the Commission re Article 1, point 20: Article 14a

"The Commission undertakes to examine the possibility of consulting the trade organisations concerned within the competent Commission Consultative Committees when preparing temporary experiments for the purpose of seeking better alternatives to certain provisions of the Directive."

STATEMENT 24/02

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission notes that the Regulation establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments, within the framework of a Decision to be adopted by Council pursuant to Article 3 of this Regulation and after consulting the Economic and Financial Committee, empowers the Commission to contract borrowings on behalf of the European Community on the capital markets or with financial institutions.

The Commission acknowledges that, depending on the situation that might prevail on financial markets at the time the Council decision to grant a balance of payments loan is being prepared, the recourse to swap transactions directly linked to borrowings could improve the financial conditions of the loan to be granted to a beneficiary Member State.

In such circumstances, the Commission considers that it would be of interest for the Member States beneficiaries of the loan that it includes, on a case by case basis, in its proposal for a Council Decision to grant a balance of payments loan, an authorisation for the Commission to enter into swap transactions in conjunction with the necessary borrowings to fund loans."

STATEMENT 25/02

Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on employee representation

"With regard to employee representation, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission recall the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Communities of 8 June 1994 in Cases C-382/92 (Safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings) and C-383/92 (Collective redundancies)."

STATEMENT 26/02

Statement by the Spanish delegation

"The Kingdom of Spain votes against adoption of the Directive on the organisation of the working time of persons whose occupation is the performance of mobile road transport activities and of self-employed drivers, on the following grounds:

The inclusion of self-employed drivers in the Directive's scope:

- is a breach of the principle of business freedom. Under this measure, the road transport sector is the first to have a regulated working day for self-employed persons.
- discourages the establishment of transport undertakings and restricts their capacity for development by blurring their legal framework. Small undertakings will not know whether their activities come within a business framework or within a working relationship such as that of any employed person or, what is even worse, whether they are subject to the restrictions imposed on employed persons but not to the rights which the latter are recognised as having.
- creates a major problem for the competent administration regarding monitoring of the Directive and makes it impossible to implement. The fact is that any wish to monitor the working day of a self-employed transport worker or worker in any other sector is purely fanciful in a society governed by free market principles, where no one self-employed person is subordinate to any other.
- causes more difficulties for Spain than for other Member States because of the scale of the problem posed by this group. Over 60% of our transport undertakings are independent, which gives an idea of the political and social problems which a control measure of this type will cause in the business sector.
- has failed to take account of the opinion of this group. Both the IRU and many of the national associations representing this group in our country have indicated their opposition to inclusion in the Directive in question."

STATEMENT 27/02

Statement by the Finnish delegation

"Finland is of the view that there are no grounds for applying the restrictions of working time to self-employed drivers. Finland has, however, accepted the Common Position because the inclusion of self-employed drivers within the scope of the Directive was dependant on the impact assessment to be made by the Commission. Although many elements that take into account the specific circumstances in Finland have been included in the proposed text of the Directive, Finland cannot accept the provision which would make self-employed drivers subject to restrictions of working time after a certain period of time. Finland accordingly votes against the proposal.

Finland assumes that the Commission, in the proposal referred to in Article 2, proposes to exclude from the scope of the Directive at least those self-employed drivers who fulfil the criteria mentioned in the Article."

STATEMENT 28/02

Statement by the Italian delegation

"Italy believes that the agreement arrived at is an important achievement in that it reaffirms the principle of including self-employed workers within the scope of the Directive on the organisation of the working time of persons whose occupation is the performance of mobile road-transport activities.

However, Italy records its dissatisfaction with the excessively long deadlines laid down for the Directive's application to self-employed drivers, whose temporary exclusion will create distortions of competition and contribute to fragmentation of the market.

Italy draws attention to the fact that Member States have the right to apply the Directive to their own self-employed workers before the deadline set at Community level.

Italy furthermore has confidence in the Commission's report regarding assessment of the effects of the intended arrangements on road safety, competition and the structure of the sector.

It emphasises the need for the Commission, when submitting possible proposals, to endeavour in any event to avoid distortions of competition in liberalised areas of the market."

STATEMENT 29/02

Statement by the Greek delegation

"The inclusion of self-employed drivers within the scope of this Directive, even if it is done 4 years later, will cause serious problems to the working environment of the road transport profession in Greece, owing to the structural organisation of the transport market.

For that reason, Greece has to vote against this Directive, maintaining its position, since self-employed drivers remain within the scope of the Directive."

Council statements

STATEMENT 30/02

(a) re Article 3(3)

"The Council states that when Eurojust gives its support to investigations and prosecutions in accordance with Article 3(3) it attaches great importance to satisfactory co-operation between the competent authorities and the Commission in full accordance with their respective powers."

STATEMENT 31/02

(b) Re Article 11(1)

"Eurojust's rules of procedure will lay down the arrangements for the Commission's participation in those of Eurojust's proceedings that come within its areas of competence."

STATEMENT 32/02

(c) Re Article 13(2)

"The Council agrees to adopt, as a matter of urgency and in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 101(3) of the Schengen Convention, no later than 15 June 2002, arrangements whereby the national members of Eurojust will have access to certain data in the Schengen Information System, in particular those referred to in Articles 95 and 98 of the Schengen Convention."

STATEMENT 33/02

(d) Re Article 24(3)

"The Council declares that where a claim has been made in relation to the processing of personal data by Eurojust, Eurojust and the Member State concerned shall examine the matter and ensure that no individual suffers loss because of the alleged lack of clarity of any responsibilities."

STATEMENT 34/02

(e) Re Article 26(1)

"The Council invites Europol and the Provisional Judicial Cooperation Unit (pro-Eurojust) to take the necessary steps, in accordance with the Europol Convention, to prepare an agreement on co-operation with Eurojust including the exchange of personal data. The content of that agreement will be submitted to the Council for its approval when the Decision setting up Eurojust is adopted, but before its formal adoption and as soon as that is legally possible. The Council notes, however, that the question of relations between Europol and Eurojust will have to be examined further in order to determine what arrangements would take the best account of those aspects not yet covered by the Europol Convention, in particular:

- the exchange of analyses and information between Europol and Eurojust at the request of either;
- cooperation on the practical level in order to support joint investigation teams;
- coordination for initiatives to ask national authorities to carry out investigations and coordinate prosecutions, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the State requested and within the respective areas of competence of Europol and Eurojust."

STATEMENT 35/02

(f) Re Article 30(1)

"The Council agrees that the authorising authority defined in Article 28(6) may, provided that investigative secrecy is respected, authorise Eurojust staff to give evidence at the request of the competent authority of a Member State."

STATEMENT 36/02

(g) Re Article 34

"The Council agrees that the Eurojust budget shall be established in conformity with the financial perspective of the European Union for the period 2002 to 2006."

STATEMENT 37/02

Statement by the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, relating to Article 28(4)

"The Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, will ensure that any national member elected to any position within the framework of Eurojust can carry out his duties."

STATEMENT 38/02

Statement by the German delegation re Article 13(2)

"The German delegation states that this provision should not be restricted to access by the national members of Eurojust but that an overall package should be sought."

STATEMENT 39/02

Commission statement re Article 4(1)(b), second indent, and Article 26(3)

"The protection of the Community's financial interests is a responsibility shared between the Community and the Member States and it is important to stress in this connection that at Treaty level, Article 280 of the EC Treaty constitutes the specific legal basis for cooperation with the competent national authorities (Art. 280(3) EC) or taking the necessary measures for preventing and combating fraud and any other illegal activity affecting the Community's financial interests (Art. 280(4) EC). It is in this framework in particular that close and regular cooperation between the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the national law-enforcement authorities, on the one hand, and between the Commission (OLAF) and Eurojust, on the other hand, should be guaranteed."

STATEMENT 40/02

Statement by the French delegation

"The French delegation is committed to the objective of Eurodac, which has been set up to collect, transmit and compare the fingerprints of applicants for asylum in the interests of the effective application of the Dublin Convention; it will take particular care to see that Eurodac is operated in accordance with the principles laid down in this Regulation."

STATEMENT 41/02

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission reiterates that in order to make Eurodac a success, close cooperation between the Central Unit and the users will be indispensable. To that end, the Commission will continue to cooperate closely with national services charged with operating Eurodac and will regularly consult with them on all technical issues of common interest."

STATEMENT 42/02

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission in general has a negative attitude towards operating aids. Unilateral state aid measures which are simply intended to improve the financial situation of producers but which in no way contribute to the development of the sector, and in particular aids which are granted solely on the basis of price, quantity or unit of production are considered to constitute operating aids which are incompatible with the common market. Furthermore, by their very nature, such aids are also likely to interfere with the mechanisms of the common organisations of the market.

The new wine market organisation has only been in force since 1 August 2000. It reflects the common position of Member States as to what kind of financial support is sufficient and necessary for the wine market to function. It is worrying that already now Member States resort to granting additional national aids of a type that can usually not be authorised by the Commission, because they are pure operating aids which do not bring about any structural improvement in the sector.

There is a serious risk of distortion of competition between Member States if such a state aid is authorised without any check or obligation whether these aids are linked to structural measures. There will be pressure on the other Member States to follow suit, and also grant aids. The incentive for farmers to undertake structural reform under the wine market organisation will decrease.

The Commission reserves the right to ask the Court of Justice for the annulment of the Council's decision."

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2407th Council meeting (Economic and Financial Questions) on 12 February 2002	
Council Regulation terminating the anti-dumping procedure concerning imports of polysulphuride polymers originating in the United States of America 5512/02	
Council Regulation renewing for 2002 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, as regards products originating in Norway 15482/01	
2408th Council meeting (Education/Youth) on 14 February 2002	
Council Resolution on the promotion of linguistic diversity and language learning in the framework of the implementation of the objectives of the European Year of Languages 2001 14757/01 + COR 1 (en,es,fi,fr,it,nl,pt,sv) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (fr) + REV 1 (pt)	
Council Opinion concerning education and training issues in the proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for Member States' employment policies for 2002 14758/01 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 1 (pt)	
Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the added value of voluntary activity for young people in the context of the development of Community action on youth 14759/01 + COR 1 (fr) + COR 2 (fr)	
Council Conclusions on the follow-up to the Report on the concrete future objectives of education and training systems in view of the preparation of a joint Council/Commission report to be presented to the Spring 2002 European Council 14863/01 + COR 1 (en,es,fi,fr,it,nl,pt,sv) + COR 2 (fr) + COR 3 (fi) + REV 1 (pt) + REV 2 (nl)	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
• Council Decision authorising France to extend the application of a reduced rate of excise duty on "traditional" rum produced in its overseas departments 13300/01 • Council Decision authorising Portugal to apply a reduced rate of excise duty in the autonomous region of Madeira on locally produced and consumed rum and liqueurs and in the autonomous region of the Azores on locally produced and consumed liqueurs and eaux-de-vie 13302/01 Joint Action extending the mandate of the Special Representative of the European Union in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 6033/02 Council Regulation concerning the importation into the Community of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone 6012/02 + COR 1 (fi) Zimbabwe • Council Decision concluding consultations with Zimbabwe under Article 96 of the ACP–EC Partnership Agreement 6285/02 • Council Common Position concerning restrictive measures against Zimbabwe 5951/02 + COR 1 • Council Regulation concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Zimbabwe 6243/02 + COR 1 2410th Council meeting (Agriculture) on 18 February 2002 Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/987/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the protection of employees in the event of the insolvency of their employer 14854/01 + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fi) + ADD 1 + ADD 1 COR 1 Council Recommendation on the implementation of Member States' employment policies 5225/02	

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