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Subject: MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS JANUARY 2011

This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in January 2011.^{1 2}
- ANNEX II containing further details on the adoption of these acts. PART I provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, such as the date of adoption, the relevant Council session, the number of the document adopted, and where appropriate, applicable voting rules, voting results, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council. PART II provides information that the Council has decided to make public on the adoption of other acts.

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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**LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
IN JANUARY 2011**

3062nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 18 January 2011

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 38/2011 of 18 January 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1292/2007 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film originating in India
OJ L 15, 20.1.2011, p. 1–4

2011/118/EU: Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation
OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 45–46

2011/117/EU: Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas
OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 33–33

2011/37/EU: Council Implementing Decision of 18 January 2011 amending Decision 2007/884/EC authorising the United Kingdom to continue to apply a measure derogating from Articles 26(1)(a), 168 and 169 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax
OJ L 19, 22.1.2011, p. 11–12

2011/38/EU: Council Implementing Decision of 18 January 2011 authorising France to apply differentiated levels of taxation to motor fuels in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC
OJ L 19, 22.1.2011, p. 13–14

2011/52/EU: Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein amending the Additional Agreement between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein extending to the Principality of Liechtenstein the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
OJ L 25, 28.1.2011, p. 4–4

2011/53/EU: Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the position to be taken by the European Union within the Joint Committee on Agriculture set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products, as regards the adaptation of Annex 3 to the Agreement
OJ L 25, 28.1.2011, p. 5–7

2011/51/EU: Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the protection of designations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products and foodstuffs, amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
OJ L 25, 28.1.2011, p. 3–3

Council Decision of 18 January 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol extending to customs security measures the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Economic Community and the Principality of Andorra
OJ L 36, 10.2.2011, p. 1–2

Council Conclusions on Eurostat study on the long-term budgetary implications of pension costs
18250/10

Written procedure completed on 18 January 2011

Council Regulation (EU) No 57/2011 of 18 January 2011 fixing for 2011 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in EU waters and, for EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters
OJ L 24, 27.1.2011, p. 1–125

3063rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 24 January 2011

Directive 2011/7/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 on combating late payment in commercial transactions Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 48, 23.2.2011, p. 1–10

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5122/11 + COR 1 + COR 1 + REV 1(fi) + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)

Council Conclusions on Special report No 6/2010 from the European Court of Auditors, entitled "Has the reform of the sugar market achieved its main objectives?"
17991/10 + COR1 (de)

Council Conclusions on Special report No 7/2010 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Audit of the clearance of accounts procedure"
17990/10

3064th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 31 January 2011

Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 Text with EEA relevance

OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 1–12

Council Conclusions on the Drugs Situation in Europe 2010
5179/11

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 82/2011 of 31 January 2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of okoumé plywood originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 and terminating a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009
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Council Regulation (EU) No 101/2011 of 4 February 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia
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2011/82/EU: Council Decision of 31 January 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the 'Youth in Action' programme and in the action programme in the field of lifelong learning (2007 to 2013)
OJ L 32, 8.2.2011, p. 1–2

Council Decision 2011/70/CFSP of 31 January 2011 updating the list of persons, groups and entities subject to Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 57–59

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 83/2011 of 31 January 2011 implementing Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) No 610/2010
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 14–16

Council Conclusions on CSDP
5642/11

Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Union within the ACP-EU Council of Ministers concerning the status of Equatorial Guinea in relation to the revised ACP-EC Partnership Agreement
16430/10

Council Decision 2011/71/CFSP of 31 January 2011 amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 60–61

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 85/2011 of 31 January 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 32–33

Council Decision 2011/71/CFSP of 31 January 2011 amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 60–61

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 85/2011 of 31 January 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 560/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 32–33

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf the European Union, of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, extending the provisions of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement to bilateral trade in textiles
16382/10 + ADD1 COR 1 REV2

Council Decision 2011/69/CFSP of 31 January 2011 amending Council Decision 2010/639/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 40–56

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 84/2011 of 31 January 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 28, 2.2.2011, p. 17–31

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS JANUARY 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
3063rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 24 January 2011 Directive 2011/7/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 on combating late payment in commercial transactions Text with EEA relevance Statement by Finland Finland confirms its full support to the objectives of the recast Directive. Combating late payment in commercial transactions is important in order to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market and to promote the competitiveness of businesses, in particular SMEs. Surveys show that public authorities often pay invoices very late after the expiration of the applicable payment period. Late payment by public authorities leads to unjustified costs for private undertakings and to inefficiency in general. Therefore, Finland has taken the view that the main target of the recast Directive should have been to enhance prompt payment by public authorities. Regrettably, the outcome of the negotiations satisfies this goal only partially. When regulating commercial transactions between private undertakings freedom of contract should be regarded as a primary principle. Finland regrets that the recast Directive includes provisions restricting contractual freedom between undertakings which go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Directive. The provision in Article 7(2) can be mentioned as an example of such an excessive restriction.	PE-CONS 57/10 REV1 (hu)	Qualified majority	All member States in favour except: Abstentions: DE, IT, AT

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Statement by Latvia Latvia fully shares the objective of the draft Directive on combating late payment in commercial transactions to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market via the elimination of related barriers to cross-border commercial transactions and to facilitate access to finance for the European business, especially to the SMEs. Latvia supports the adoption of the draft Directive. However, Latvia has concerns regarding provisions related to the right for entitlement to interest and compensation for recovery costs for creditors. Although we support in principle strengthening of the rights of creditors, we consider that the rights of debtors should be taken into account. Creditor should be entitled to the right for compensation only if he has taken certain actions to recover the late payment. Therefore, Latvia is of the opinion that the rights for compensation should include the obligation for the creditor to send a reminder. Latvia would like to invite the European Commission to reassess the abovementioned provisions in the context of review provided within the Article 11. 3064th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 31 January 2011 Regulation (EU) No 181/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 concerning the rights of passengers in bus and coach transport and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 Text with EEA relevance Commission statement on Article 25 The Commission stresses that the information regarding passenger rights under Article 25 only has to be provided at terminals as defined in Article 3, point (o), and, where applicable, on the Internet by carriers and terminal managing bodies.			
	PE-CONS 63/10 + REV 1(ro) + REV 1 COR 1 (ro) + REV 2 (fi) + REV 3 (cs) + REV 4 (nl)	Qualified majority	All Member states in favour except: Against: DE Abstention: IE

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Statement by Germany Germany is sympathetic to establishing the rights of passengers on long-distance bus and coach services in European law. However, the Commission also included local and regional services in its proposal, without presenting any impact assessment that took account of the conditions there. The outcome of the conciliation procedure, which <i>inter alia</i> considerably extends the mandatory rights of passengers using local and regional services, therefore impinges hugely on powers of the Member States that are protected by the principle of subsidiarity. Germany deeply regrets that it is therefore unable to endorse the outcome of the conciliation procedure.			

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Joint Statement by the United Kingdom and Ireland on the Hague Preferences "The United Kingdom and Ireland consider that the Hague Preference constitutes an integral part of relative stability, reflecting the need to safeguard the special needs of regions where local populations are especially dependent on fisheries and related industries. This is specifically recognised in Community fisheries policy and was set down in Council Regulation No 170/83 and Council Regulation No 3760/92. It has again been restated in Council Regulation No 2371/2002."	
Statement by Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France and the Netherlands on the Hague Preferences "Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France and the Netherlands are of the opinion that the scales for the allocation of quotas for Member States were finally agreed upon in 1983. These scales constitute the basis of relative stability, which is a principle established by the Basic Regulation governing the Common Fisheries Policy. It is our opinion that Hague preferences are contrary to the principle of relative stability."	
Statement by Spain concerning Norwegian waters Arctic cod "The Kingdom of Spain is of the opinion that the review of the parameters and the value of the exchange with Norway need to be reconsidered as a way to better balance the outcome. Likewise, it has to be underlined that Norwegian access to the European Economic Area remains linked to the engagements adopted in relation with the granting of the so-called cohesion cod to Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Greece, which was one of the engagements for the opening of the community market."	
Statement by Spain concerning Southern component of blue whiting "The Kingdom of Spain considers appropriate that, taking into account the special characteristics of the fishing fleet of the southern component for blue whiting fisheries, future proposal fixing fisheries opportunities should ensure the preservation of traditional fishing practices, as well as the human consumption destination of this fishery in its southern component, linked to its social and historic traditional component and not to industrial activities."	

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Council and Commission statements 1. Ad fixing definitive fishing opportunities "The Commission intends to submit, as soon as practicable, to the Council a proposal for fixing definitive fishing opportunities, including unallocated opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the 2011 TAC Regulation, which are the subject of bilateral fisheries consultations with Faroe Islands with a view of the Council adopting the legal act concerned no later than on 31 May 2011." 2. Ad discards Norway "<u>The Commission</u> will take the steps necessary to implement the condition agreed with Norway as regards the retention on board of undersized fish caught by vessels participating in trials of fully documented fisheries in order to avoid discards. The Commission undertakes to explore the possibility of generalising this approach to all fisheries." 3. Ad boarfish fishery "<u>The Commission</u> declares its intention to take appropriate initiatives early 2011 in order to establish, under the ordinary legislative procedure, an appropriate mesh size for the fishery targeting boarfish in view of completing the legal framework for this fishery for 2011." 4. Ad new and developing fisheries "<u>The Council and Commission</u> recognise the need to establish guidelines for the establishment and expansion of new and developing fisheries. The Council invites the Commission to propose such guidelines during 2011 in the process of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. This proposal may incorporate the requirements of Environmental Impact Assessments prior to the establishment and expansion of new and developing fisheries, and will have due regard to work conducted within FAO and NEAFC in this area." 5. Ad Closure for cod in IIIa "<u>The Commission</u> notes that there are few signs of improvement for the cod stock in Kattegat despite substantial TAC reductions during the past decade. The Commission therefore recognises the need for further measures to protect the stock. To this end the Commission will ask STECF to evaluate the effectiveness of seasonal closures for all trawl-related fisheries, other than those identified as catching negligible quantities of cod, from 1 January to 30 April to protect the spawning stock. Based on the evaluation the Commission will consider including such provisions in the context of the review of the cod recovery plan."	

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6. Ad Review of the cod plan "<u>The Commission</u>, taking note of the continued poor state of stocks of cod concerned by Council Regulation (EC) 1342/2008 and the lack of evidence of a reduction in fishing mortality rates, will undertake a review of all pertinent factors concerning the fisheries catching the relevant cod stocks. The review will include the measures fixed according to the aforementioned Regulation, their implementation and their effects, including discard reduction measures and measures affecting cod management decided by Member States as well as the application of the fishing effort limits. The review will cover scientific and control aspects and will require the submission of relevant data by Member States. The Commission will request the advice of STECF concerning the review and will consult stakeholders through the Regional Advisory Councils. The Commission undertakes to convene a conference to discuss the findings of these consultations." 7. Ad Closure for cod in area VIa "<u>The Commission and the Council</u> agree to consider spatial and temporal restrictions aimed at conservation of cod to the fishing opportunities for cod and species caught with cod within a zone defined by the following coordinates from 1 February to 31 March: 7°00W 55°00N 6°00W 55°00N 6°00W 55°30N 7°00W 55°30N Based on evaluations from STECF, similar restrictions could be considered as appropriate for the purpose of reducing cod mortality in other parts of zones VIa." 8. Ad By-Catch conditions "<u>The Commission</u> will request scientific advice of STECF concerning the likely effects of regulating the permitted landings of cod from zone VIa as a proportion of the landings of other species (by-catch limit) either as a stand-alone restriction or in combination with a TAC restriction. Based on the advice received the Commission will make appropriate proposals."	

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9. Ad Spanish effort "A group of Spanish vessels using trawls to target hake in the West of Scotland is currently excluded from the cod plan's effort regime. This group will have to be re-included into the cod plan's effort regime if it cannot be shown that they continue to catch less than 1,5% of cod. Spain may use the opportunity to submit supplementary catch data to the STECF spring plenary meeting of 2011 in order to prove the fulfilment of this condition. In the absence of sufficient supplementary data, <u>Council and Commission</u> engage to foresee that the vessel group will be immediately re-included, according to the rules foreseen in the cod plan and its implementing provisions." 10. Ad Celtic Sea Effort limits "The <u>Council and the Commission</u> acknowledge advice issued by ICES and STECF on the need to avoid increase of fishing effort for any of the fisheries in the Celtic Sea. Further work on this matter should be pursued during 2011 in the context of the ongoing Western Waters review." 11. Ad effort and quota limits "<u>The Commission</u>, in close cooperation with Member States concerned, will follow the development of quota and effort use in order to assess any cases of disproportionately low effort references in relation to the quota share of the concerned Member States and if necessary to address any problems arising from this assessment." 12. Ad haddock and whiting in the Celtic Sea "<u>The Commission</u> notes that Member States commit to apply improved gear selectivity in conducting fisheries for haddock and whiting in the Celtic Sea." 13. Ad TAC areas for Norway Lobster (Nephrops) in Area VII "<u>The Council and the Commission</u> agree on the need to explore further the measures needed to respond to the advice issued by ICES and STECF on the desirability to manage individual functional units of nephrops in Zone VII. Further work on this matter should be pursued during 2011." 14. Ad Mackerel "The proposed quota for mackerel will be reviewed in order to ensure respect of relative stability and to ensure that any payment by Member States in 2011 is dealt with in an equitable manner throughout the distribution of the respective EU quotas. To this end, <u>the Commission</u> will organise a technical meeting before 31 January 2011 in order to establish the methodology for such an exercise."	

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15. Ad Western Channel Sole - fully documented fishery "<u>The Commission and Council</u> agree on the need in 2011 to closely monitor and evaluate the initiative on fully documented fisheries for the sole fishery in the Western Channel and in particular to assess the effect of these measures on the reduction of sole discards in this area on the basis of data to be provided by the Member States concerned." 16. Ad Council and Commission statement on NAFO 3M Shrimps "In order to provide a coherent management in external fisheries policy, <u>the Commission</u> may, taking into account the scientific advice, submit to the Council, for the purpose of the NAFO Annual meeting in 2011, a proposal for the revision of 3M shrimp management measures, establishing that the fishery for this stock will be reopened if the scientific advice allows it. Furthermore <u>the Council</u> invites the Commission to submit a proposal for long-term management measures for this stock as soon as practicable." 17. Ad Southern hake and Nephrops plan "<u>The Commission and the Council</u> agree that, without prejudice to the outcome of the review of the recovery plan for Southern hake and Norway lobster in 2011, it appears appropriate to improve the current system of fishing effort limitation to take account of the impact the different gear types have on the stocks concerned. <u>The Commission</u>, taking note of the continued poor state of southern hake and the lack of evidence of a reduction in fishing mortality rates, will finalise the review of all pertinent factors concerning the fisheries catching southern hake. The review will include the measures fixed according to the Recovery Plan for Southern hake and Nephrops, their implementation and their contribution to the improvement of the state of this stock." 18. Ad Commission statement on capacity plan for Bluefin Tuna fisheries (Annex IV) "<u>The Commission</u> acknowledges that the EU management plan for fishing capacity as in Annex IV, point 4, tables A and B, may be revised. This revision will take into account the national management plans for fishing capacity presented by Member States, for approval by the Commission prior submission to ICCAT in February 2011. The EU management plan in the current regulation will therefore be revised after the next ICCAT inter-sessional meeting (February 2011) during which ICCAT will formally adopt the capacity plans submitted by the contracting parties, including the EU."	

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19. Ad Licences granted to Venezuelan vessels to fish for snappers in French Guiana "<u>The Council</u> takes note of the fact that the Commission intends to shortly submit to it a proposal for a Council Decision approving a Statement on Consent on the access of fishing vessels flying the flag of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the exclusive economic zone off the coast of the French Guiana (equivalent to an international agreement and thus requiring the consent of the European Parliament). This Council Statement of Consent would serve as a legal basis for the issuance of licences to these vessels. The Council and the Commission understand that, in order to avoid disruption of supply for the processing industry of French Guiana, it is important that the Venezuelan vessels be able to continue their activity from the beginning of the year 2011. In view of this, the licences are to be issued on a provisional basis, subject to completion of the process of adoption of the above Council Decision on the Statement of Consent." 20. Ad discards policy "<u>The Commission and the Council</u> recognise that discarding fish is a waste of natural resources and is a serious problem in global and European fisheries. Widespread discarding damages marine ecosystems and the financial viability of fishing businesses and is ethically undesirable. <u>The Commission and the Council</u> are committed to reducing discards now and under a reformed Common Fisheries Policy. They welcome action by and will work closely with Member States and others to tackle this problem, including trials of alternative management systems, fully documented fisheries or management by effort. The Commission and the Council are keen to see the results of initiatives such as catch quota management in order to have an assessment by STECF on its efficiency to reduce discards and overall mortality of fish." 3063rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES) held in Brussels on 24 January 2011 Council Conclusions on Forests 5122/11 + COR 1 + COR 1 + REV 1(fi) + REV 1 COR 1 (fi)	

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