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This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in March 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 MARCH 2011****Written procedure completed on 2 March 2011**

Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
7084/11 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (hu) + ADD 1 REV 1

3073rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND COMSUMER AFFAIRES), held in Brussels on 7 March 2011

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OJ L 88, 4.4.2011, p. 44–44

Council Conclusion concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety
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Council Decision authorising Member States to accede to the Convention relating to international exhibitions signed at Paris on 22 November 1928 and supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972 and the Amendments of 24 June 1982 and 31 May 1988
8100/10 + REV 2 (sk)

2011/257/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/320/EU addressed to Greece with a view to reinforcing and deepening the fiscal surveillance and giving notice to Greece to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary to remedy the situation of excessive deficit
OJ L 110, 29.4.2011, p. 26–28

2011/194/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and of an Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and the United States of America
OJ L 88, 4.4.2011, p. 66–66

2011/160/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Agreement between the European Union and Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014, an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland, concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products for the period 2009-2014, and an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway, concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products for the period 2009-2014
OJ L 69, 16.3.2011, p. 1–2

Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, relating in particular to judicial cooperation in criminal matters and police cooperation

6077/10 + COR 1

Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland

6242/10

Council Decision 2011/146/CFSP of 7 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/145/CFSP renewing measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

OJ L 61, 8.3.2011, p. 21–21

Council Conclusions on The Joint Employment Report in the context of the Annual Growth Survey 2011: political guidance on employment policies

6913/1/11 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (lv)

Council Conclusions on The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: a European framework for social and territorial cohesion

7434/1/11 REV 1

Council Conclusions on further development of an electronic exchange system facilitating the administrative cooperation in the framework of the posting of workers Directive

6196/1/11 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (lv)

Council Conclusions on the European Pact for Gender Equality (2011-2020)

7370/11

3074th meeting of the Council of the European Union COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE), held in Brussels on 9 and 10 March 2011

2011/213/EU: Council Decision of 9 March 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Japan on cooperation in science and technology

OJ L 90, 6.4.2011, p. 1–1

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Scientific and Technological Cooperation
11362/10

Council Decision of 12 March 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Faroes on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013)
OJ L 245, 17.9.2010, p. 1–1

2011/182/EU: Council Decision of 9 March 2011 concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Ukraine
OJ L 79, 25.3.2011, p. 3–3

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 248/2011 of 9 March 2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain continuous filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 67, 15.3.2011, p. 1–17

Council Conclusions on the interim evaluation of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration activities (FP7), including the Risk-sharing finance facility (RSFF)
7585/11

Council Conclusions on preparatory work for the pilot European Innovation Partnership "Active and Healthy Ageing"
7586/11 + REV 1 (mt)

Council Conclusions on a better functioning single market for services – based on the results of the mutual evaluation process of the Services Directive
7148/1/11 REV 1

2011/167/EU: Council Decision of 10 March 2011 authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 53–55

Council Conclusions on tackling the challenges on raw materials and in commodity markets
7029/11

Written procedure completed on 10 March 2011

Council Implementing Decision 2011/175/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 95–98

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 272/2011 of 21 March 2011 implementing Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 32–35

3075th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT), held in Brussels on 14 March 2011

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 377/2004 on the creation of an immigration liaison officers network
PE-CONS 68/1/10 REV 1

Council Conclusions on the Follow-up to the Cancún Conference
7755/11

Council Conclusions on the Review of the Community Strategy Concerning Mercury
7774/11

3076th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 15 March 2011

Amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2011 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission -Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund
6920/11

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 282/2011 of 15 March 2011 laying down implementing measures for Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax
OJ L 77, 23.3.2011, p. 1–22

Ecofin Council Conclusions - Climate finance follow up to the Cancún Conference.
7248/11

3077th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES), held in Brussels on 17 March 2011

Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences
17506/1/10 REV1

Council Conclusions on the Special Report No. 8/2010: Improving transport performance on Trans-European rail axes: Have EU rail infrastructure investments been effective?
7006/11

Council Conclusions on 'The CAP towards 2020: meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future'
7498/11

3078th meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 21 March 2011

Council Decision 2011/168/CFSP of 21 March 2011 on the International Criminal Court and repealing Common Position 2003/444/CFSP
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 56–58

Council Decision 2011/170/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Council Decision 2010/330/CFSP on the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX – IRAQ
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 61–61

Council Decision 2011/169/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 59–60

Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2011 of 21 March 2011 amending Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of the Republic of Guinea
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 1–3

Council Decision 2011/171/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 62–62

Council Implementing Decision 2011/174/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2010/639/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 72–94

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 271/2011 of 21 March 2011 implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 13–31

Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 63–67

Council Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 4–12

Council Conclusions on Civilian CSDP Capabilities
8032/11

Council Decision 2011/173/CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 68–71

Council Implementing Decision 2011/175/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
OJ L 76, 22.3.2011, p. 95–98

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 272/2011 of 21 March 2011 implementing Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
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Council Conclusions on Libya
8017/11

Council Conclusions on Yemen
8874/11

Council Conclusions on Bahrain
8029/11

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Council Conclusions on a European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel
8030/11

Council Conclusions on Somalia
8023/11

Council Conclusions on Iran
8031/11

3079th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 21st March 2011

Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA
OJ L 101, 15.4.2011, p. 1–11

Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning mergers of public limited liability companies (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)
PE-CONS 1/1/11 REV 1

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)
PE-CONS 2/2/11 REV 2

2011/195/EU: European Council Decision of 25 March 2011 appointing a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank
OJ L 82, 30.3.2011, p. 7–7

2011/199/EU: European Council Decision of 25 March 2011 amending Article 136 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union with regard to a stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro
OJ L 91, 6.4.2011, p. 1–2

Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/013 PL/Podkarpackie machinery from Poland)
6575/11

Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/010 CZ/Unilever from the Czech Republic)
6577/11

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 287/2011 of 21 March 2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of tungsten carbide, tungsten carbide simply mixed with metallic powder and fused tungsten carbide originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009
OJ L 78, 24.3.2011, p. 1–12

Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013
7853/10 + COR 1 (ro)

Council Conclusions on "The Mechanism on Cooperation and Verification for Bulgaria and Romania"
7556/11 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2(bg) + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (fr)

Written procedure completed on 23 March 2011

Council Decision amending Council Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
7955/11 + ADD 1 REV 1

Council Implementing Regulation implementing Article 16(1) and (2) of Council Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya
7959/11 + ADD 1 REV 1

Written procedure completed on 25 March 2011

Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya

8099/11 + COR 1(et) + COR 2 (hu) + COR 3 (fr)

3080th meeting of the Council of the European Union (TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY), held in Brussels on 31 March 2011

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles (Text with EEA relevance)

PE-CONS 4/11 + COR 1 + COR 2(es) + COR 3 (lv) + COR 4 + COR 5 (fr) + REV 1 (sk) + REV 1 COR 1 (sk) + REV 2 (pt) + REV 2 COR 1 (pt) + REV 3 (es)

2011/220/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance

OJ L 93, 7.4.2011, p. 9–9

Council Decision concerning a proposal, on behalf of the European Union and together with the Member States, for amendments to Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

7071/11

Council Decision establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Fifth Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), with regard to the proposal for an amendment of Annex A

7094/11

Council Regulation (EU) No 333/2011 of 31 March 2011 establishing criteria determining when certain types of scrap metal cease to be waste under Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

OJ L 94, 8.4.2011, p. 2–11

Council Conclusions on Special Report No 5/2010 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Implementation of the Leader approach for rural development"

7822/11

Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain aspects of air services

12922/5/09 REV 5 + REV 5 COR 1 + REV 5 COR 2 (sv)

Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain aspects of air services

13988/10 + REV 1 (fr)

2011/223/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992
OJ L 94, 8.4.2011, p. 1–1

2011/224/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995
OJ L 94, 8.4.2011, p. 28–28

Council Decision amending and extending the period of application of Decision 2007/641/EC on the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of the Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 37 of the Development Cooperation Instrument
7162/11

Council Conclusions on Guidelines for the participation of the European Union in the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV, Istanbul, 9-13 May 2011)
7813/11

Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Turkmenistan for a Protocol adapting the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, to take into account the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union
6128/11

Council Decision 2011/203/CFSP of 31 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/445/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the crisis in Georgia
OJ L 86, 1.4.2011, p. 72–72

Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the participation of the United States of America in European Union crisis management operations
6936/11 + COR 1

Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Mid-term review of the European satellite radio navigation programmes
7960/11

Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation
7702/11 + COR 1 (fi)

Amended proposal for a Council Decision concerning the accession of the European Union to the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974
8493/11

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS MARCH 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
3073rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND COMSUMER AFFAIRES), held in Brussels on 7 March 2011			
Regulation (EU) No 306/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1964/2005 on the tariff rates for bananas	PE-CONS 7/1/11 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
3075th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT), held in Brussels on 14 March 2011			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 377/2004 on the creation of an immigration liaison officers network	PE-CONS 68/1/10 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except abstention: IE and UK
Statement by UK To the extent that the Regulation develops provisions of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom participates, the United Kingdom is taking part in accordance with Article 5(1) of Protocol No. 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and Article 8(2) of Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000, concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis. To the extent that the Regulation develops provisions of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom does not participate, the United Kingdom is not taking part.			

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS MARCH 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
To the extent that the Regulation does not develop provisions of the Schengen acquis, the United Kingdom is taking part in accordance with Protocol No.21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, having notified by letter of 6 October 2009 to the President of the Council under Article 3(1) thereof its wish to take part in the adoption and application of this Regulation to the extent that it does not develop provisions of the Schengen acquis. Statement by Ireland To the extent that the Regulation develops provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland participates, Ireland is taking part in accordance with Protocol No. 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and Article 6(2) of Council Decision 2002/192/EC of February 2002, concerning the request by Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis. To the extent that the Regulation develops provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not participate, Ireland is not taking part. To the extent that the Regulation does not develop the provisions of the Schengen acquis, Ireland reserves the right, subject to Parliamentary approval as required by the Constitution of Ireland, to exercise the option provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 21 on the Position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of Freedom, Security and Justice annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.			
3076th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 15 March 2011			
Amending budget No 1 to the general budget for 2011 - Statement of expenditure by Section - Section III - Commission -Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund	6920/11	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: against: AT, BE, FI, LV and SE abstention: PT, SL, UK

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS MARCH 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
3077th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES), held in Brussels on 17 March 2011 Position of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences	17506/1/10 REV1	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
3079th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 21st March 2011 Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA	PE-CONS 69/2/10 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Statement The solution found in the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, which consists in specifying that the Directive amends the Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA through replacing it, is without prejudice to the outcome of the ongoing discussion concerning future comparable situations.			

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS MARCH 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning mergers of public limited liability companies (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 1/1/11 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on freedom of movement for workers within the Union (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 2/2/11 REV 2	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
3080th meeting of the Council of the European Union (<u>TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY</u>), held in Brussels on 31 March 2011			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO ₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles (Text with EEA relevance)	PE-CONS 4/11 + COR 1 + COR 2(es) + COR 3 (lv) + COR 4 + COR 5 (fr) + REV 1 (sk) + REV 1 COR 1 (sk) + REV 2 (pt) + REV 2 COR 1 (pt) + REV 3 (es)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS MARCH 2011			
TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Joint Statement of the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Cyprus, Slovenia, Greece and Ireland on the Regulation setting emission performance standards for new light commercial vehicles The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Cyprus, Slovenia, Greece and Ireland consider that it is of crucial importance to adopt this regulation as soon as possible, in order to provide legal certainty to the industry. Therefore, we accept this compromise. Nevertheless we would have preferred a higher level of ambition in the regulation. In particular, the long term standard of 147 gr/km should have been more ambitious, in order to drive innovation and development of green technology in line with the the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for Sustainable, Smart and Inclusive growth. Tighter standards would also have yielded larger savings in fuel consumption, to the benefit of the consumers of new vans, many of which are small and medium enterprises. If the transport sector does not contribute sufficiently to meet the commitments following from the Effort Sharing Decision, more costly measures will be required in other sectors.			
2011/220/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance	8211/11	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Joint statement by the Council and the Commission for entry in the minutes of the Council adopting the Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance The Council and the Commission recognise that arrangements between a Member State and a third State on administrative cooperation and on legal aid, as a general rule, do not affect Union rules or alter their scope. However, taking into account the existence of Regulation (EC) No 4/2009, the Union has decided, in this particular case, to exercise competence over all the matters governed by the 2007 Hague Convention, i.e. also over matters relating to administrative cooperation and legal aid, and to conclude the Convention alone. The Union should therefore, at the time of conclusion of the Convention, make the declaration provided for in Article 59(3) thereof. The exercise by the Union of competence over matters relating to administrative cooperation and legal aid in the context of this particular Convention does not preclude that Member States may agree on arrangements on such matters with third States, provided that such arrangements do not affect Union rules or alter their scope in accordance with the case law of the Court of Justice.			

INFORMATION ON THE ADOPTION OF OTHER ACTS MARCH 2011	
OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
3073rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (<u>EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, HEALTH AND COMSUMER AFFAIRES</u>), held in Brussels on 7 March 2011 Council Conclusion concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety 6821/11 Council Decision authorising Member States to accede to the Convention relating to international exhibitions signed at Paris on 22 November 1928 and supplemented by the Protocols of 10 May 1948, 16 November 1966, 30 November 1972 and the Amendments of 24 June 1982 and 31 May 1988 8100/10 + REV 2 (sk) 2011/257/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/320/EU addressed to Greece with a view to reinforcing and deepening the fiscal surveillance and giving notice to Greece to take measures for the deficit reduction judged necessary to remedy the situation of excessive deficit 6754/11 2011/194/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion of a Geneva Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Venezuela and of an Agreement on Trade in Bananas between the European Union and the United States of America 7782/10 + COR 1 (bg)	

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OTHER ACTS	Votes/Statements made public
2011/160/EU: Council Decision of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Agreement between the European Union and Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014, an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland, concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products for the period 2009-2014, and an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway, concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products for the period 2009-2014 9902/10 Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, relating in particular to judicial cooperation in criminal matters and police cooperation 6077/10 + COR 1 Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland 6242/10	

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Council Decision 2011/146/CFSP of 7 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/145/CFSP renewing measures in support of the effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) 6540/11 Council Conclusions on The Joint Employment Report in the context of the Annual Growth Survey 2011: political guidance on employment policies 6913/1/11 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (lv) Council Conclusions on The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion: a European framework for social and territorial cohesion 7434/1/11 REV 1 Council Conclusions on further development of an electronic exchange system facilitating the administrative cooperation in the framework of the posting of workers Directive 6196/1/11 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1(lv) Council Conclusions on the European Pact for Gender Equality (2011-2020) 7370/11	

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3074th meeting of the Council of the European Union COMPETITIVENESS (<u>INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND SPACE</u>), held in Brussels on 9 and 10 March 2011 2011/213/EU: Council Decision of 9 March 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Japan on cooperation in science and technology 11363/10 Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Scientific and Technological Cooperation 11362/10 Council Decision of 12 March 2010 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Faroes on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007 to 2013) 11365/10 2011/182/EU: Council Decision of 9 March 2011 concerning the renewal of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Community and Ukraine 11364/10 + COR 1	

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Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 248/2011 of 9 March 2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain continuous filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China 6661/11 Council Conclusions on the interim evaluation of the Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration activities (FP7), including the Risk-sharing finance facility (RSFF) 7585/11 Council Conclusions on preparatory work for the pilot European Innovation Partnership "Active and Healthy Ageing" 7586/11 + REV 1 (mt) Council Conclusions on a better functioning single market for services – based on the results of the mutual evaluation process of the Services Directive 7148/1/11 REV 1 2011/167/EU: Council Decision of 10 March 2011 authorising enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection 5538/11	Qualified majority All Member States in favour except: against: IT, ES

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Statements by the Commission and by the Member States participating in the enhanced cooperation in the area of the creation of unitary patent protection Statement 1. The Commission and the Member States participating to the enhanced cooperation confirm that, as far as translation arrangements are concerned, the enhanced cooperation should rely on the existing framework of the EPO and should not be considered, to that extent, as creating a specific EU linguistic regime, or as creating a precedent for a limited language regime in any future EU legal instrument. The Commission will reflect these elements in the proposals for specific measures implementing enhanced cooperation in the appropriate form. Statement 2 The place of establishment of an economic operator will be immaterial for the access to unitary patent protection to be created through enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection. Statement by the Commission Any Member State listed in Article 1 may notify to the Council and the Commission that it is withdrawing from the enhanced cooperation in the area of unitary patent protection as authorized in this Decision, provided that at the time of that notification no acts have yet been adopted within the framework of the enhanced cooperation. Council Conclusions on tackling the challenges on raw materials and in commodity markets 7029/11 Written procedure completed on 10 March 2011 Council Implementing Decision 2011/175/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya 7335/11 + ADD 1 REV 1	

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3077th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES), held in Brussels on 17 March 2011 Council Conclusions on the Special Report No. 8/2010: Improving transport performance on Trans-European rail axes: Have EU rail infrastructure investments been effective? 7006/11 Council Conclusions on 'The CAP towards 2020: meeting the food, natural resources and territorial challenges of the future' 7498/11 3078th meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 21 March 2011 Council Decision 2011/168/CFSP of 21 March 2011 on the International Criminal Court and repealing Common Position 2003/444/CFSP 5753/11 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 Council Decision 2011/170/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Council Decision 2010/330/CFSP on the European Union Integrated Rule of Law Mission for Iraq, EUJUST LEX – IRAQ 6227/11	

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Council Decision 2011/169/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea 5773/11 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2011 of 21 March 2011 amending Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of the Republic of Guinea 6038/11 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Decision 2011/171/CFSP of 21 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova 7281/11 Council Implementing Decision 2011/174/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2010/639/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against certain officials of Belarus 7622/11 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 271/2011 of 21 March 2011 implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures against President Lukashenko and certain officials of Belarus 7643/11 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt 7323/11 + ADD 1 REV 1	

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Council Regulation (EU) No 270/2011 of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Egypt 7554/11 + COR 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Conclusions on Civilian CSDP Capabilities 8032/11 Council Decision 2011/173/CFSP of 21 March 2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina 7527/11 Council Implementing Decision 2011/175/CFSP of 21 March 2011 implementing Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya 7926/11 + ADD 1 REV 1 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 272/2011 of 21 March 2011 implementing Article 16(2) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya 7927/11 + ADD 1 REV 2	

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Council Conclusions on Bosnia and Herzegovina 7881/11 + COR 1	
Council Conclusions on a European Union Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel 8030/11	
Council Conclusions on Somalia 8023/11	
Council Conclusions on Iran 8031/11	

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3079th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 21st March 2011 2011/195/EU: European Council Decision of 25 March 2011 appointing a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank EUCO 9/1/11 REV 1 2011/199/EU: European Council Decision of 25 March 2011 amending Article 136 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union with regard to a stability mechanism for Member States whose currency is the euro EUCO 11/1/11 REV 1 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/013 PL/Podkarpackie machinery from Poland) 6575/11 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund in accordance with point 28 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management (application EGF/2010/010 CZ/Unilever from the Czech Republic) 6577/11	

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Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 287/2011 of 21 March 2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of tungsten carbide, tungsten carbide simply mixed with metallic powder and fused tungsten carbide originating in the People's Republic of China following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 7080/11 + COR 1 + COR 2 (de) Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 7853/10 + COR 1 (ro) Council Conclusions on "The Mechanism on Cooperation and Verification for Bulgaria and Romania" 7556/11 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2(bg) + REV 1 (ro) + REV 2 (fr) Written procedure completed on 23 March 2011 Council Decision amending Council Decision 2011/137/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya 7955/11 + ADD 1 REV 1	

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Council Regulation (EU) No 333/2011 of 31 March 2011 establishing criteria determining when certain types of scrap metal cease to be waste under Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council 5121/11 + COR 1 (mt) + REV 1 (cs) Statement by Austria The Europe-wide scarcity of resources – which also concerns metals – requires resources to be managed in a sustainable and efficient manner in the European Union. The present draft Regulation is not in line with this objective. Rather, the draft entails the danger that scrap metal moves out to third countries unchecked, thus threatening Europe’s supply of suitable metals. Less stringent requirements as regards quality management, and hence also as regards the quality of scrap from third countries, encourage a situation where only low-quality scrap is imported into the EU, while high-quality scrap can easily be exported from the EU. The present draft Regulation does not provide for the possibility to check or ensure that scrap declared as end-of-waste scrap has the required quality. Furthermore, due to the inadequate scope for implementation and controls, Austria considers stronger protective measures to be necessary. Council Conclusions on Special Report No 5/2010 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Implementation of the Leader approach for rural development" 7822/11 Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain aspects of air services 12922/5/09 REV 5 + REV 5 COR 1 + REV 5 COR 2 (sv) Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain aspects of air services 13988/10 + REV 1 (fr)	

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Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission Inter alia for pragmatic reasons, it is preferable that the Union alone should conclude the Agreement with the Federative Republic of Brazil on certain aspects of air services. The same considerations would apply in respect of similar agreements as long as they are concluded in accordance with and within the limits of the mandate on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements adopted by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003. This Decision does not constitute a precedent as to the exercise of the respective competencies of the Union and its Member States in respect of agreements other those referred to above, such as, for example, agreements of the type envisaged by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003 authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the United States in the field of air transport, which shall be concluded as mixed agreements. This Decision does not create any new Union competences as far as external agreements on air services are concerned, nor does it affect the division of competences between the Union and its Member States.	
2011/223/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 5825/11	
2011/224/EU: Council Decision of 31 March 2011 establishing the position to be taken by the European Union within the International Grains Council with respect to the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995 5828/11	
Council Decision amending and extending the period of application of Decision 2007/641/EC on the conclusion of consultations with the Republic of the Fiji Islands under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement and Article 37 of the Development Cooperation Instrument 7162/11	

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Council Conclusions on Guidelines for the participation of the European Union in the Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV, Istanbul, 9-13 May 2011) 7813/11 Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Turkmenistan for a Protocol adapting the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and its Member States, of the one part, and Turkmenistan, of the other part, to take into account the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union 6128/11 Council Decision 2011/203/CFSP of 31 March 2011 amending Decision 2010/445/CFSP extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for the crisis in Georgia 7009/11 Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of the Framework Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the participation of the United States of America in European Union crisis management operations 6936/11 + COR 1 Council Conclusions on the Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Mid-term review of the European satellite radio navigation programmes 7960/11	

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Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation 7702/11 + COR 1(fi) Amended proposal for a Council Decision concerning the accession of the European Union to the Protocol of 2002 to the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974 8493/11	