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This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in May 2000. It 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, as well as explanations of voting.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question, and the information contained in Annexes I and II hereto, are available to the public on the Internet at the "Eudor" website (<http://www.eudor.com> – see "Transparency of the Council's legislative activities").

- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in May 2000, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

¹ With the exception of other acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

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DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2257th Council (Telecommunications) on 2 May 2000			
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Decision No 710/97/EC on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal-communication services in the Community	PE-CONS 3611/00		
Council Decision amending Decision 95/513/EEC on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries and Decision 95/514/EEC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries	7119/00		
Council Directive amending Directive 93/53/EEC introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases	6642/00 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fr,nl,da,el,es,pt) + COR 3 (en) + COR 4 (fi)		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles and amending Council Directives 73/239/EEC and 88/357/EEC (Fourth Motor Insurance Directive)	PE-CONS 3612/00 + REV 1 (sv)		

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Legislative acts adopted following the European Parliament's second reading under the co-decision procedure				
Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the internal market ("Directive on electronic commerce") (4.5.2000)	Ref. docs 8291/00 PE-CONS 3626/00			
2258th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 8 May 2000				
Council Regulation concerning further calls of foreign reserve assets by the European Central Bank	7652/00 + COR 1 (sv)	26/00		
Council Regulation concerning capital increases of the European Central Bank	7651/00	27/00		
Council Directive on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community	6701/00 + COR 1 (nl,en,el)			

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2260th Council (Agriculture) of 16 May 2000 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme to monitor the average specific emissions of CO ₂ from new passenger cars	5867/00 PE-CONS 3608/00 + COR 1			
Legislative acts adopted following the European Parliament's second reading under the co-decision procedure Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the front underrun protection of motor vehicles and amending Council Directive 70/156/EEC (17.5.2000)	Ref. docs 9153/00 PE-CONS 3633/00			

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<p>2262nd Council (Industry) of 18 May 2000</p> <p>Directive 2000/ /EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 93/104/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time to cover sectors and activities excluded from that Directive.</p>	<p>PE-CONS 3618/00 + COR 1 (sv) + COR 2 (de) + COR 3 (es) + COR 4 (nl) + COR 5 (es)</p>	<p>28/00, 29/00</p>		
<p>Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating late payment in commercial transactions</p>	<p>PE-CONS 3620/00 + REV 1 (sv) + REV 2 (de) + COR 1 (en) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 (da) + COR 4 (gr)</p>			
<p>2264th Council (General Affairs) on 22 May 2000</p> <p>Council Regulation implementing Decision 94/728/EC, Euratom on the system of the Communities' own resources</p>	<p>5433/00 + COR 1 (da)</p>			

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<p>2265th Council (Internal Market) on 25 May 2000</p> <p>Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption (approval of amendments to the Council's common position at the European Parliament's 2nd reading)</p>	<p>Ref. PE-CONS 3619/00 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (fi)</p>	<p>30/00, 31/00, 32/00, 33/00, 34/00, 35/00, 36/00, 37/00</p>	<p>B, against F, explanation of vote ¹ B, explanation of vote ² L, explanation of vote ³</p>	
<p>2266th Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 29 May 2000</p> <p>Council Framework Decision on increasing protection by criminal penalties and other sanctions against counterfeiting in connection with the introduction of the euro</p>	<p>7612/00 + REV 1 (de) + COR 1 (da) + REV 2 (nl,el,pt,fi) + COR 1 (fi)</p>	<p>38/00, 39/00, 40/00, 41/00</p>		
<p>Council Regulation on the service in the Member States of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters</p>	<p>6034/00 + COR 1 (pt) + COR 2</p>			

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Council Regulation on insolvency proceedings	5630/00 + COR 1 (it) + COR 2 + COR 3 + REV 1 (fi)	42/00		
Council Regulation on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility for children of both spouses	8609/00 + COR 1 (pt) + COR 2 sv) + COR 3 (fr,de,it,nl,en,da,el,es,pt,sv) + REV 1 (fi)	43/00, 44/00, 45/00, 46/00, 47/00, 48/00		
Council Decision 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	8397/00	49/00,50/00, 51/00, 52/00, 53/00, 54/00		
Initiative of the Republic of Austria with a view to adopting a Council Decision to combat child pornography on the Internet	8718/00	55/00		

STATEMENT 26/00**Statement by the European Central Bank:**

- The ECB Recommendations to adopt the above-referenced Council Regulations do not stem from any urgent practical need either to increase the ECB's capital or to make further calls of foreign reserve assets at this time. Rather, the timing for the adoption of the Regulations is based on the provisions of Article 123(1) in conjunction with Article 107(6) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, which provides that immediately after 1 July 1998 the Council shall adopt the provisions referred to in Articles 28.1 and 30.4 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank (i.e. the secondary legislation concerning ECB capital increases and further calls of foreign assets).
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STATEMENT 28/00

Statement by the Commission on Sunday rest

"The Commission states that it will report on the situation in the Member States with regard to legislation on Sunday rest in its forthcoming report on the implementation of the Working Time Directive (93/104/EC)."

STATEMENT 29/00

Statement by the Commission regarding implementation of Article 1(6)

"The Commission states that it intends, before giving its opinion, to consult management and labour at European level and representatives of the Member States with a view to delivering its opinion three months after the Commission receives the notification from the Member State."

Explanation of the French delegation's vote

"France continues to attach particular importance to the quality of chocolate. It feels that harmonisation must at all costs protect the legitimate interests of consumers and of the ACP cocoa-producing countries.

It acknowledges the merits of the compromise worked out by the Presidency, which has achieved a degree of balance between national positions which were originally very divergent. France supports the compromise, but would emphasise that it will remain especially vigilant on a number of essential points: validation by the Commission of a reference method for quantifying vegetable fats other than cocoa butter before the Directive enters into force; detailed impact study to be carried out by the Commission in the light of experience acquired and before any revision of the positive list of those vegetable fats; effective implementation of the labelling requirements.

France also feels that, as the subject is so sensitive, future adjustments of the substantive technical provisions of the Directive should remain a matter for the legislator."

Explanation of the Belgian delegation's vote

"Belgium cannot agree to the draft Directive submitted for the Council's approval.

It considers the Directive detrimental to the image of quality chocolate and to the quality of chocolate.

The harmonisation of the use of vegetable fats has made what was a derogation accorded to a few Member States into a general rule.

Belgium does not see this Directive as contributing to the process of legislative simplification but as making fundamental changes in the composition of chocolate products.

The Belgian delegation deplores the fact that there has been no serious study of this Directive's impact on cocoa-producing countries, in particular the ACP States, the European Community's long-standing contractual cooperation partners.

Belgium cannot endorse a Directive which seeks to harmonise conditions for producing and marketing chocolate but at the same time continues to apply an exception regarding sales names for two countries. This is pick-and-choose harmonisation that accommodates only some Member States' industries.

The lack of a reliable method of analysis coupled with the fact that not all chocolate products are covered by the vegetable fat provisions will tend to mislead consumers. The proposed labelling provisions do not ensure that consumers are fully and clearly informed regarding this widely-consumed product.

For all these reasons Belgium continues to believe that this is not a good draft Directive."

Explanation of the Luxembourg delegation's vote

"Luxembourg used to take an unfavourable view of the proposed Directive, for two reasons. The first stemmed from development cooperation policy considerations and the second from consumer protection.

While it finds the text before the Council satisfactory on the latter point, the same does not apply as regards development cooperation. As the Directive may have a significant adverse impact on the economy of cocoa-producing developing countries, pending the final version of the impact study provided for in the new Directive, Luxembourg has decided to take the line of abstaining.

Luxembourg wishes to confirm that line in spite of the amendment passed by the European Parliament. In treating in the same way cocoa butter and other vegetable fats used in the manufacture of chocolate, with a view to concluding agreements of as long a duration as possible, that amendment disregards the basic distinction to be made between cocoa-producing developing countries, which thus stand to lose considerably, and alternative vegetable fat-producing developing countries, which might thus benefit from the new Directive to a far lesser degree."

STATEMENT 30/00

"The Council points out that the Decision laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission expressly confirms that in specific substantiated cases the Council can reserve to itself the right to exercise directly certain implementing powers. The Council expressly confirms the principle that the Commission continues to be responsible for implementing the technical provisions.

In the case of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption, Annex I, part A and part B.1, and Annex II are such specific substantiated cases because of the commercial, economic and social significance of these elements of this Directive."

STATEMENT 31/00

"The Commission considers that adaptations of the present Directive to technical progress should be decided on following the committee procedure of Article 6. However, given the fact that this dossier has been discussed between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission for many years, and as an ultimate compromise to settle the issue for the time being, the Commission accepts the procedure laid down in Article 95 (ex-100a) of the Treaty for the matters covered in ANNEX II to this Directive and in ANNEX I.A and ANNEX I.B.1 to this Directive. This has limited in substance the scope for adaptation to technical progress that remains covered by Article 5. In supporting the compromise, the Commission has taken into account the commercial, economic and social significance Member States are attaching to the issues covered by the Directive and the fact that the matters excluded from the committee procedure of Article 6 are the key elements that allowed the Presidency's compromise to be carried by a large majority in the Council."

STATEMENT 32/00

"The Commission refers to the Council Decision which lays down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission. This expressly confirms the principle that the Commission continues to be responsible for implementing the technical provisions and that the Council will exercise direct powers of implementation only in specific and substantiated cases. The Commission notes that the Council's interpretation of the said Council Decision as regards the matters covered in ANNEX I.A and ANNEX I.B.1 is its alone. It emphasises that the acceptance of this compromise is without prejudice to the Commission's interpretation of the said Council Decision."

STATEMENT 33/00

"The Commission is of the view that the swift adaptation of legislation to technical progress is of the utmost importance to the competitiveness of European industry and that the committee procedure is best suited to achieve this. The Commission therefore intends to review the present Directive at an early stage of implementation with a view to determining whether the accepted procedures for adaptation to technical progress are hampering the competitiveness of the European industry concerned and as regards its economic impact on the industry. The Commission reserves its right to propose amendments to this Directive in the light of this review. Within four years of the adoption of the Directive, the Commission will prepare a report on the Directive's impact on the economies of those countries producing cocoa and the non-cocoa-butter vegetable fats listed in ANNEX II to the Directive."

STATEMENT 34/00

"The Council invites the Commission to take all possible steps to ensure the urgent completion, by the date of entry into force of this Directive, of the development of a validated method of analysis for non-cocoa-butter vegetable fats in chocolate. In the meantime, Member States are to ensure that adequate monitoring systems are established to verify compliance with the 5% limit."

STATEMENT 35/00

"Given the sensitive nature of the addition to chocolate of vegetable fats other than cocoa butter, the Commission will include in the next appropriate EC coordinated food control programme the verification arrangements for checking both the presence and the quantity of such fats. Verification arrangements may include analytical examination of chocolate and other appropriate control measures provided for in Directive 89/397/EEC."

STATEMENT 36/00

"Member States are to ensure that the methods of analysis used to determine the quantity of vegetable fats other than cocoa butter in chocolate products covered by the present Directive are in conformity with paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Annex to Council Directive 85/591/EEC of 20 December 1985 concerning the introduction of Community methods of sampling and analysis for the monitoring of foodstuffs intended for human consumption ¹ and are validated or standardised, either already or as soon as possible."

STATEMENT 37/00

Unilateral statement by the Austrian delegation re Annex I.A.10, footnote in the German text

"Products from other Member States which are in circulation there under the name "*Schokoladebonbon*", but do not comply with Annex I.A.10, may also be put into circulation under that name in Austria in accordance with the Treaty."

¹ OJ L 372, 31.12.1985, p. 50.

STATEMENT 38/00

Statement by the Council

"The Council,

Having regard to the Framework Decision adopted on [...], on increasing protection by penal sanctions against counterfeiting in connection with the introduction of the euro;

Agreeing that the Framework Decision referred to constitutes an important step forward in the fight against counterfeiting, including in particular counterfeiting of the euro;

Having regard to point 48 of the conclusions of the Tampere European Council on 15 and 16 October 1999;

Whereas the protection of the euro under criminal law may not be fully guaranteed by provisions covering only the approximation of laws;

Whereas it is appropriate to examine the need for further measures, in particular concerning the cooperation between the Member States, the ECB and the national Central Banks in the area of the fight against counterfeiting the euro;

States that further initiative, including the suggestions made by France, will be examined in detail as soon as possible, with a view to their possible adoption in an additional instrument."

STATEMENT 39/00

Statement by the council on Article 7

"The Council states that amongst the criteria to be taken into account when applying Article 7(3) of the Framework Decision for the purpose of determining which State is best placed for the purpose of centralising prosecution, Member States will have regard, in particular, to the nationality of the offender and the place where the offence was committed."

STATEMENT 40/00

Statement by Denmark and Germany on Article 6(2)

"Denmark and Germany state that they do not consider reducing the value of legal tender covered by Article 6(2)."

STATEMENT 41/00

Statement by Austria and Denmark on minimum rules on penalties

"Austria and Denmark state that the establishment of minimum rules on penalties, as provided for in Article 31(e) of the TEU, raises difficult questions, such as the relationship to provisions contained in the General Part of the Penal Codes or the proportionality of the maximum penalties provided for different offences within one national system. Due to the urgency to adopt this Framework Decision, it was not possible to deal with these questions in depth. However, before including similar provisions in future instruments, these questions will have to be considered carefully. The fact that the solution found in Article 6, paragraph 2, is a minimum level for the maximum penalty provided for by national law may not be taken as a precedent."

Explanations

The reference to the manufacturing of banknotes and coins in Article 4 is intended to cover printing and minting by the Central Bank as well as by independent subcontractors. This will be explained in the Council minutes.

Article 4 does not cover overruns by the authorities competent to issue currency in the Member States of the issue quantities laid down by the European Central Bank.

STATEMENT 42/00

Statement by Portugal on the application of Articles 26 and 37

"Article 37 of Council Regulation (EC) No /2000 of on insolvency proceedings, which mentions the possibility of converting territorial proceedings opened prior to the main proceedings into winding-up proceedings, should be interpreted as meaning that such conversion does not exclude judicial appraisal of the state of the local proceedings (as is the case in Article 36) or of the application of the interests of public policy as provided for in Article 26."

STATEMENT 43/00

Council Statement

"This Regulation shall not prevent a Member State from concluding agreements with non-Member-States, which cover the same matter as this Regulation, where the agreement in question does not affect this Regulation."

STATEMENT 44/00

Statement by the Council

"The Member States undertake to inform the Commission of any agreements which they envisage concluding with third States in accordance with Article 16 and of any changes to or repeal of such agreements."

STATEMENT 45/00

Statement by the Commission on Article 16

"The Commission considers that implementation of Article 16 of this Regulation cannot be contrary to the case law of the Court as regards the conclusion of agreements between a Member State and third countries or international organisations.

Consequently, without prejudice to the powers and means laid down in the Treaty, the Commission will ensure that this Regulation is implemented in accordance, both generally and on a case-by-case basis, with the case law of the Court, in particular the AETR case law."

STATEMENT 46/00

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom wishes to record its view that, after the adoption of this Regulation, Member States should be able to conclude certain agreements with third States. The first category of such agreements would be those whereby Member States agree that their national courts should not be required under the Regulation to recognise and enforce certain judgments coming from the courts of other Member States. These judgments would be based on grounds of jurisdiction not laid down in the Regulation. The second broader category of agreements with third States would be all those which cover the same subject matter as the Regulation, provided that such an agreement does not interfere with, in the sense of undermine, its operation. In the view of the United Kingdom, such a proviso would be adequate to protect the legitimate interests of the Community and, subject to that proviso, Member States should be free to enter into such agreements. In particular, they should be free to decide whether to ratify the 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children."

STATEMENT 47/00

Statement by the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom considers that the ability of Member States to enter into such agreements would be established by Article 16 and the declaration by the Council. The importance of preserving the external competence of Member States in the context of the Regulation to replace the 1968 Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters will make it essential to ensure that the necessary provisions in that Regulation are drafted in an explicit way."

STATEMENT 48/00

Statement by the United Kingdom

"In accordance with arrangements notified in Council document 7998/00 of 19 April 2000, where decisions of a Gibraltar court are to be directly enforced by a court or other enforcement authority in another Member State under the relevant provisions of this Regulation, the documents containing such decisions of the Gibraltar court will be certified as authentic by the United Kingdom Government/Gibraltar Liaison Unit for EU Affairs of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office based in London ("the Unit"). To this effect the Gibraltar court will make the necessary request to the Unit. The certification will take the form of a note."

STATEMENT 49/00

Joint Statement by the Council and the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom shall, prior to the putting into effect of the provisions referred to in Articles 1 and 8(3), inform the Council of all circumstances that could have a significant bearing on the areas covered by the provisions referred to in these Articles."

STATEMENT 50/00

Joint Statement by Denmark and the United Kingdom

"In the context of the forthcoming decision of the Council setting the date on which the provisions of the Schengen acquis shall be put into effect for Denmark, the United Kingdom will accept the conclusions of the Council relating to the application of those provisions to the Faroe Islands and Greenland, including the implementation of the Schengen Information System (SIS), to the extent that they relate to the provisions in which the United Kingdom participates by virtue of Article 1."

STATEMENT 51/00

Statement by the Government of the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom undertakes to make its best endeavours to accommodate the operational needs of Member States in any cross border surveillance exercises. In doing so, it will comply fully with the terms of Article 40 of the Schengen Implementation Convention and the agreed practice thereof. The United Kingdom will explore these arrangements with Member States with a view to establishing agreed and mutually satisfactory procedures for evaluation prior to the putting into effect of the participation by the United Kingdom."

STATEMENT 52/00

Statement by the Government of the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom's position takes into account the fact that at present Articles 92 to 119 of the 1990 Schengen Convention are regarded as having a legal base in Title VI of the TEU."

STATEMENT 53/00

Statement by the Council

"The Council declares that it will consider any future request by the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 5(1) concerning the application to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man of provisions of the Schengen acquis covered by Article 1 on the basis of the need to ensure coherence in the application of the Schengen acquis as between the relevant provisions of the current decision and any new decision on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, consistent with their respective status under the Treaties."

STATEMENT 54/00

Statement by the Government of the United Kingdom

"The United Kingdom declares that when making a request pursuant to Article 5(1), it shall take fully into account the declaration made by the Council under point 5."

STATEMENT 55/00

Statement by the Council

"The Council welcomes the opinion of the European Parliament, published as "Legislative Resolution on the initiative of the Republic of Austria with a view to adopting a Council Decision to combat child pornography on the Internet" ¹. In addition to the amendments which have been incorporated by the Council in the Decision, the opinion raises a number of important issues relating to substantive criminal law and criminal procedure. The Council, mindful of the urgency to take immediate measures against child pornography on the Internet, declares its willingness to examine such questions in the light of the Joint Action 97/154/JHA of 24 February 1997 and on the basis of proposals which are expected in the future."

¹ Document of the European Parliament No. 10317/1999 – C5-0318/99 – 1999/0822(CNS)

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<p>2257th Council (Telecommunications) on 2 May 2000</p> <p>Council Resolutions on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of standardisation in Europe 12686/99 • Mutual recognition 11874/99 <p>2258th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 8 May 2000</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 603/1999 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polypropylene binder or baler twine originating in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary, and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed 7795/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of potassium chloride originating in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine 7883/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing a definitive countervailing duty on imports of synthetic fibres of polyester originating in Australia, Indonesia and Taiwan and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed 7817/00</p> <p>Council Opinion on the updated stability programme of Austria for the period 2000 to 2003 8133/00</p>	

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<p>2259th Council (Labour and Social Affairs) on 8 May 2000</p> <p>Council Decision concerning the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the new Annex V to the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic on the protection and conservation of the ecosystems and biological diversity of the maritime area and the corresponding Appendix 3 14265/99 + COR 1</p> <p>Written procedure completed on 15 May 2000</p> <p>Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 7810/00</p> <p>Written procedure completed on 15 May 2000</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 723/2000 amending Regulation (EC) No 1294/1999 concerning a freeze of funds and a ban on investment in relation to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) 8458/00 + COR 1 (fr,it,nl,gr,es,pt,fi)</p> <p>2264th Council (General Affairs) on 22 May 2000</p> <p>Council Decision amending Decision 1999/319/CFSP implementing Common Position 1999/318/CFSP concerning additional restrictive measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia 8537/00</p> <p>Council Joint Action extending the validity and application of Joint Action 96/250/CFSP in relation to the nomination of a Special Envoy in the African Great Lakes Region 8299/00</p> <p>Council Regulation on support for the United Nations Interim Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) 8217/00</p>	

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<p>Council Regulation prohibiting the sale, supply and export to Burma/Myanmar of equipment which might be used for internal repression or terrorism, and freezing the funds of certain persons related to important governmental functions in that country 8535/00</p> <p>Council Decision setting up a Committee for civilian aspects of crisis management 8529/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 368/98 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of glyphosate originating in the People's Republic of China 8086/00</p> <p>Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in Taiwan 8160/00</p> <p>Council Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of silicon carbide originating in the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and prolonging the undertaking accepted by Commission Decision 94/202/EC 8220/00</p> <p>Council Decision providing exceptional financial assistance for Montenegro 8478/00</p> <p>2265th Council (Internal Market) on 25 May 2000</p> <p>Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code 6995/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (fi)</p> <p>Council Resolution on a Community-wide network of national bodies for the extra-judicial settlement of consumer disputes 7876/00</p>	

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<p>2266th Council (Justice and Home Affairs) on 29 May 2000</p> <p>Common position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics 7624/00</p> <p>Council Act establishing in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union 7846/1/00 REV 1 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (s) + COR 3 (it) + COR 4 (fr)</p> <p>2267th Council (Energy) on 30 May 2000</p> <p>Common Position adopted by the Council with a view to the adoption of a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on energy efficiency requirements for ballasts for fluorescent lighting 7034/00 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2</p>	
