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This review, drawn up under the responsibility of the Secretary-General of the Council, is intended to give the public brief, documentary information concerning the Council's activities during the preceding year. It is intended to ensure greater transparency and neither the Council nor the other Community institutions nor the Governments of the Member States are responsible for its contents.

The review consists of two parts: an explanatory part and summary tables.

The explanatory part lays emphasis on the principal Council decisions or initiatives in their general context stressing, where appropriate, the role of the European Council as the body which provides political impetus and defines the Union's priorities. Reference is also made to the participation of other Community institutions in the decision-making process.

The summary tables contain a list of the principal acts adopted by the Council in 1995 in the various fields of its activities. For the first time — and this will be the case in future — these lists include references to the various aspects of legislative transparency, namely the outcome of votes taken and any explanations of vote and statements for the minutes which the Council has decided may be released to the public when acting in its legislative capacity.

Introduction

For the European Union, 1995 opened with its enlargement to three new Member States, Austria, Finland and Sweden. This new Union of Fifteen reiterated throughout the year its determination to respond to the essential questions facing contemporary society both inside and outside the Community, and confirmed its wish to press on with the realization of the objectives set out in the Treaty on European Union.

In the hope of promoting balanced and sustainable economic and social growth, the European Council confirmed unequivocally that the third stage of economic and monetary union would begin on 1 January 1999 and decided that the single currency was to be called the 'euro', and it adopted a scenario for the changeover to that currency; it firmly resolved to mobilize every possible means of combating unemployment effectively, taking the view that job creation was the principal social, economic and political objective of the Union and its Member States.

The Community institutions and the Member States have used their best endeavours to respond to citizens' legitimate expectations. The operation of the internal market, the management of the reform of the common agricultural policy, the accelerated progress in the sectors of transport, energy, telecommunications and research and technological development, the consolidation of progress in the new areas covered by the European Community and intergovernmental cooperation demonstrate the desire to bring policies closer to the citizen and to make further advances in combating social exclusion.

The year 1995 was characterized by the consolidation of the institutional reforms introduced by the Treaty on European Union.

Enlargement of the Union is at one and the same time a political necessity and a historic opportunity for Europe which, by guaranteeing the stability and security of the continent, offers not only the applicant countries but also the existing members of the Union fresh prospects for economic growth and general well-being. The European Council meetings in Cannes and Madrid confirmed that negotiations for the accession of Cyprus and Malta would begin six months after the conclusion of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, in the light of its outcome. With regard to the associated countries of central and eastern Europe, including the Baltic States (hereinafter referred to as the CCEE), the Madrid

European Council expressed the hope that the initial phase of the negotiations would coincide with the opening of the negotiations with Cyprus and Malta.

Respect for and protection of human rights remain the foundation of the Union's policy both within the Union and in its relations with the rest of the world. Taking human rights as a major plank in its common foreign and security policy, the Union has continued its action *vis-à-vis* countries where serious violations of democratic principles and of human rights persist.

The constant priority the Union gives to its neighbours is evidenced by the geographic and thematic scope of its external action, be it in former Yugoslavia or the Middle East peace process. Just as constant is the Union's wish to make a timely contribution, both in other regions of the world, such as Africa in particular, and with respect to international issues of concern. The crisis in former Yugoslavia continues to give the European Union the gravest concern in view of the very serious threat it poses to peace and stability on the European continent and the unacceptable human suffering it engenders.

In the context of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Charter, the Union solemnly reaffirmed its attachment to the aims and principles of the Charter and repeated its commitment to the ideals and action of the United Nations Organization; it also recalled the Union's readiness — as by far and away the major financial donor, the prime contributor of troops to peace-keeping operations and the main donor of multilateral development and humanitarian aid — to maintain its support for the organization.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, the Union reiterated its conviction that the OSCE, the only organization bringing together all European States and the United States and Canada, was capable of playing a significant role in building a united, stable and secure Europe, and restated its intention of making an active contribution to strengthening the OSCE.

On the 40th anniversary of the Messina Conference, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted a solemn declaration of the European Union saluting the progress made over these 40 years and urging continuation of these efforts with the same determination, particularly with an eye to the forthcoming Intergovernmental Conference on the revision of the Treaty. With respect to this reform process, the Madrid European Council received with keen interest the report from the Reflection Group set up in preparation for that Conference and, having asked the Council to consult the European Parliament and the Commission pursuant to Article N of the Treaty, agreed that the Conference should begin its work under the Italian Presidency at a formal inaugural meeting on 29 March 1996 in Turin.

I. Internal policies

A. General economic situation and progress towards economic and monetary union

The year 1995 was the second consecutive year to show an upturn in economic activity after the recession in 1992 and 1993, despite a slight slow-down, in growth over the year. The increase in the Community's GDP in 1995 was estimated at some 2.75%, practically the same level as the previous year. The employment situation is improving slowly: following a record unemployment level of 11.4% in the spring of 1994, the figure of 10.5% was achieved in the autumn of 1995.

The increasing convergence towards stability of prices recorded in 1994 was confirmed in 1995. The inflation rate in the Community is approaching 3%. With regard to the development of long-term interest rates, the fall observed since 1990, which had halted in 1994, continued last year. The economic upturn and the budgetary measures taken in the Member States have enabled the reduction of public deficits initiated in 1994 to be continued. Nonetheless, the rate of adjustment is still inadequate for the purposes of the budget convergence criteria. The ratio between public debt and GDP continued to increase and has reached almost 71% in 1995.

As part of the preparation for the third stage of monetary union, the Madrid European Council took important decisions on the features of the transition to a single currency. It adopted the scenario for the introduction of the single currency, confirmed equivocally that the third stage of EMU would begin on 1 January 1999 and decided that the European currency would be called the 'euro'. It also confirmed that a high level of economic convergence was a prerequisite for attaining the goal laid down in the Treaty of the creation of a stable uniform currency.

Under the scenario adopted, the Council, meeting at Heads of State or Government level, will confirm as soon as possible in 1998, on the basis of the most recent and reliable data for 1997, which Member States fulfil the necessary conditions for changeover to the single currency.

The scenario also provides for:

- (i) completion, by the end of 1996 at the latest, of the technical and preparatory work for a Council Regulation establishing the legal framework for the use of the euro;
- (ii) monetary policy to be defined and conducted in euro as from 1 January 1999;
- (iii) issue of the new tradeable public debt by Member States participating in the euro area as of the same date;
- (iv) encouragement to be given to use of the euro in the foreign exchange markets;
- (v) circulation of euro banknotes and coins by 1 January 2002 at the latest.

The Madrid European Council also established the need to ensure that, after moving to stage 3, public finances are kept on a sound track in line with Treaty obligations. It noted with interest the Commission's intention of presenting in 1996 its conclusions on appropriate mechanisms in accordance with the procedures and principles of the Treaty.

The Madrid European Council also asked the Ecofin Council to study, in cooperation with the Commission and the European Monetary Institute, the range of issues raised by the fact that some countries may not initially participate in the euro area.

With the objective of monitoring economic developments in the Community and formulating policies with the twin aims of job-creating growth and the achievement of economic and monetary union, the Council continued to apply the economic policy instruments provided for in the Treaty, paying particular attention to the following areas:

- (i) The broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and the Community were the subject of a recommendation adopted by the Council on 10 July 1995. These guidelines confirmed the objectives of the policies defined by the European Council, particularly where combating unemployment was concerned. The aim must be to transform the upturn under way into strong, lasting and non-inflationary medium-term growth which respects the environment. The principal guidelines established in 1995 relate to the stability of prices and exchange rates, putting public finances in order, increasing the profitability of job-creating investment by means of a moderate wage policy and structural reforms designed to stimulate competitiveness and improve the operation of the labour market.

- (ii) The year 1995 was the second year in which the procedure for excessive government deficits provided for in Article 104c of the Treaty was applied. On 10 July 1995, acting on a recommendation from the Commission, the Council established, by means of a Council Decision, that excessive government deficits existed in the three new Member States, Austria, Finland and Sweden. On 24 July 1995 the Council adopted recommendations, on a Commission proposal, that a situation of excessive government deficit be brought to an end in 12 Member States: Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- (iii) Within the framework of multilateral surveillance, the Council examined the economic convergence programmes submitted by the Member States. In 1995 the convergence programmes of Sweden and Finland were examined for the period 1995 to 1998. This convergence constitutes one of the most important elements in the process of achieving economic and monetary union.

During the year the Council took two particularly important decisions regarding statistics. These decisions form part of the process of achieving economic and monetary union inasmuch as they make possible a better assessment of the convergence criteria laid down in Article 109j of the Treaty.

Accordingly, a decision was taken to harmonize consumer price indices thus allowing a better comparison to be made of the national data on price movements. In addition, as from April 1999 a European system of national and regional accounts is to be introduced to replace the system applied at the moment. This new system will produce a considerable improvement in the quality of the statistical information provided by the Member States.

B. Employment

During 1995 the European Council confirmed that combating unemployment and promoting equal opportunities were the priority tasks before the Community and its Member States.

The medium-term strategy, designed by the Essen European Council and confirmed at Cannes, provides the framework for development of the measures decided upon. The employment monitoring procedure laid down at Essen, and centring on a strategy of cooperation between all operators involved in this common effort, was put into effect; further progress was made not only in identifying obstacles to reducing unemployment but also particularly as regards

macro-economic and structural factors substantially influencing the creation of new jobs.

During the course of 1995, the Member States transposed the recommendations of the Essen European Council into multiannual employment programmes incorporating innovatory measures.

On the basis of joint action by Ministers for the Economy, Finance and Labour and Social Affairs, the Council and the Commission submitted a joint report whose recommendations were submitted to the Madrid European Council: the report issued an appeal to the Member States to regard the areas of action identified in the Madrid conclusions as priorities under their multiannual employment programmes. Implementation of these measures should give priority to groups needing particular attention such as young people looking for a first job, the long-term unemployed and unemployed women.

The extent to which the multiannual employment programmes established by the Member States and the recommendations adopted in Madrid have been put into effect was to be examined at the European Council in December 1996.

The important role played by internal policies, in particular the internal market, environment policy, SMEs and trans-European networks, in creating jobs was stressed by several European Councils. To that end, in September 1995 the Council adopted a Regulation establishing the general rules for the grant of Community financial assistance in the area of trans-European networks.

In 1995 the Council also discussed the situation as regards the financing of trans-European network priority programmes identified by the Essen European Council in December 1994.

C. Operation of the institutions and institutional questions

1. Enlargement of the Union

The procedures for the ratification of the Accession Treaties having been completed at the end of 1994, Austria, Finland and Sweden became Member States of the European Union on 1 January 1995.

In a Decision adopted on 1 January, the Council adapted the Act of Accession to take account of the changes resulting from the Norwegian people's rejection

of the entry of Norway into the Union. It also adopted a Decision determining the order in which the six-month office of President of the Council is to be held pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 146 of the EC Treaty.¹

On the same day the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States jointly agreed to appoint the new Members from the acceding Member States to the Commission, to the Court of Justice and to the Court of First Instance. The Council shortly did the same for the new members of other institutions and bodies.

The three new Member States also nominated their representatives to the European Parliament (21 for Austria, 16 for Finland and 22 for Sweden); for a transitional period, it was the national Parliaments which made these nominations; Sweden was the first of the new Member States to elect its representatives by direct universal suffrage on 17 September 1995.

2. Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty on European Union

The year 1995 was marked by the consolidation of the institutional reforms enshrined in the Treaty on European Union. A number of these provisions were implemented for the first time, while others had already been regularly and effectively applied once the necessary adjustments were made the previous year.

(i) Renewal of the Commission

Article 158 of the EC Treaty, as amended by the Treaty on European Union, introduces a new procedure for the appointment of Members of the Commission.

The European Parliament organized hearings before its specialized committees of the members proposed by the Member State Governments, in the light of the future areas of activity of the aspiring Commissioners. These hearings allowed it to form an opinion ahead of its vote to approve the new Commission led by Mr Santer, which favourable vote was given by a considerable majority on 18 January 1995.

¹ 1995: France and Spain; 1996: Italy and Ireland; 1997: the Netherlands and Luxembourg; 1998: the United Kingdom and Austria; 1999: Germany and Finland; 2000: Portugal and France; 2001: Sweden and Belgium; 2002: Spain and Denmark; first half of 2003: Greece.

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States then appointed the President and the other 19 Members of the new Commission (15 men and five women) on 23 January for a period of five years from that date.

(ii) Appointment of the Ombudsman

On 12 July 1995 the European Parliament appointed the first Ombudsman in accordance with Article 138e of the EC Treaty.

The European Parliament's Committee on Petitions held hearings of the candidates on 28 and 29 June; Mr Jacob Söderman was chosen from five candidates, a sixth having withdrawn before the vote.

The decision taken by the European Parliament on 9 March 1994, following the Commission's opinion and with the approval of the Council, given on 7 February of the same year, sets out the regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties.

(iii) Subsidiarity

For the implementation of the principle of subsidiarity set out in the Treaty, the guidelines established at the Birmingham and Edinburgh European Councils continue to inform the action of the Union.

The Commission submitted the second annual report on the implementation of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and on simplification and consolidation entitled 'Better law-making' and was asked by the European Council in Madrid to report to the European Council in Florence on the application of these principles to existing Community legislation and to the proposals submitted.

The Madrid European Council was also able to establish that the 1993 programme on adaptation of existing legislation to the principle of subsidiarity was practically completed.

(iv) Transparency

The Council reaffirmed its desire to work towards greater transparency in its proceedings in the context of the guidelines laid down by the European Council, while maintaining the efficiency of the decision-making process. It noted that the outcome of votes on legislative acts was now systematically made public. The Council had never made use of the possibility of derogation provided for in its Rules of Procedure and had no intention of doing so in the future. Progress was made towards achieving greater transparency of the Council's proceedings

by the approval of a code of conduct which facilitates access by the public to Council minutes and statements when the Council is acting as legislator. The number of Council debates which have been televised has also increased.

With more particular reference to the question of cooperation in the fields of justice and home affairs, the Council adopted a Decision making provision for the publication of acts adopted on asylum and immigration matters since entry into force of the Treaty on European Union. At the same time, it recorded agreement on a statement providing that the acts adopted in future in this area will, in principle, be published.

(v) Citizenship

A Decision was adopted pursuant to Article 8c of the EC Treaty on the protection of citizens of the Union by diplomatic and consular representations. Under the measures decided on, any citizen of the Union whose own State is not represented in a third country may benefit from the consular protection of any other Member State.

Still on the subject of European citizenship, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the Union, meeting within the Council, reached agreement on a Decision on the conditions for the issue by the diplomatic or consular mission of any Union Member State, and security measures concerning provisional travel documents in the territory of a third country so as to facilitate the return of an unrepresented Union citizen who has lost his identity documents in a third country.

(vi) Legislative process

Within the framework of legislative activity, in 1995 the Council held, under the various procedures laid down in the Treaty, 204 consultations of the European Parliament, 18 of which took place under the urgent procedure, 92 consultations of the Economic and Social Committee and 9 consultations of the Committee of the Regions.

Where the legislative procedures under Articles 189b and 189c of the EC Treaty were concerned, the Council adopted a total of 35 common positions in 1995.

With more particular reference to the 'co-decision' procedure, it should be noted that, for the first time since the procedure was introduced, the European Parliament rejected a joint text approved by its delegation and the Council delegation within the Conciliation Committee, with the result that the proposal for a Directive in question, which concerned the legal protection of biotechnical inventions (see point F 'Internal Market'), could not be adopted.

(vii) Court of Justice and Court of First Instance

Following the entry into force of the Treaty on European Union and the Agreement on the European Economic Area, the Court of Justice asked the Council in a letter of 29 April 1994 to amend certain provisions in Title III of the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice and to approve amendments to its Rules of Procedure.

Similarly, the Court of First Instance asked the Council on 11 May 1994 to approve amendments to its own Rules of Procedure.

The purpose of these amendments was as follows:

- (i) to take account of the insertion, among the acts the validity of which the Court reviews, of the acts adopted jointly by the European Parliament and the Council and of acts adopted by the European Central Bank and to implement the amendment made to Article 165 of the EC Treaty (and to the corresponding provisions of the ECSC and EAEC Treaties) as regards referral to the court, and
- (ii) to adjust the rules to the provisions of the Agreement on the European Economic Area in view of the Declarations by the European Community on the rights of the EFTA States before the Court of Justice of the EC and on the rights of lawyers of the EFTA States under Community law appended thereto.¹

On 22 December 1994, the Council adopted amendments to the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice² and approved the amendments to be made to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice and of the Court of First Instance. The Court consequently amended its Rules of Procedure on 21 February 1995³ and the Court of First Instance amended its own Rules of Procedure on 17 February 1995.³ These texts came into force on 1 April 1995.

Amendment of the Statute of the Court of Justice and of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance to take account of disputes concerning intellectual property rights

By letter of 22 September 1994, the President of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities forwarded to the Council, in agreement with the Court of Justice, draft amendments to its Rules of Procedure.

¹ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994.

² OJ L 379, 31.12.1994.

³ OJ L 44, 28.2.1995.

The purpose of this draft was to adapt the Rules of Procedure to the special features of the new proceedings concerning intellectual property rights which the Court of First Instance is called upon to hear and determine.

In a letter dated 10 October 1994, the President of the Court of Justice asked the Council to amend Article 46 of the Statute (EC) of the Court. This amendment was necessary in order to adapt the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance to the new proceedings.

On 6 June 1995, the Council adopted a Decision amending the (EC) Statute of the Court¹ and approved the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Court of First Instance.

The Court of First Instance consequently amended its Rules of Procedure on 6 July 1995.²

3. Cases before the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance

Cases before the Court of Justice

In the course of 1995 the Council was a party in 12 actions before the Court of Justice, six of which were appeals.

Twelve cases were brought under Article 173 of the EC Treaty. Three cases concern actions brought by Member States to have Council acts declared void. The European Parliament brought an action for annulment against the Council. The Commission brought one such action against the Council. Four actions were brought by legal persons and one by a natural person. The Council also brought two actions against the European Parliament.

Furthermore, the Council took part in an action brought by a Member State against the Commission.

The Council took part in nine actions concerning applications for preliminary rulings brought by national courts under Article 177 of the EC Treaty to defend the validity of one of its acts.

¹ OJ L 131, 15.6.1995.

² OJ L 172, 22.7.1995.

Cases before the Court of First Instance

In the course of 1995, the Council was a party in 38 actions before the Court of First Instance.

Of these actions, 25 concerned actions brought by natural or legal persons on the basis of the second subparagraph of Article 215 and Article 178 of the EC Treaty, requesting compensation for damage purportedly resulting from action by the Council, in particular following the entry into force of the additional milk quota arrangements.

Thirteen cases were brought by natural or legal persons under Article 173 of the EC Treaty to have a Council act declared void.

The Council took part in five actions brought by natural or legal persons to have a Commission act declared void.

Requests to the Court of Justice for an opinion

Under Article 228(6) of the EC Treaty, the Court of Justice delivered an Opinion (2/92) for which the Council had submitted observations.

4. Interinstitutional relations

At its meetings in Cannes and Madrid, the European Council heard the President of the European Parliament convey Parliament's view on the questions discussed by the Heads of State or of Government.

Pursuant to the Treaty, at plenary sessions of the European Parliament the Presidencies-in-Office of the European Council outlined the results of the meetings of the European Councils in Cannes and Madrid. In the same way, in accordance with well-established tradition, the French and Spanish Presidencies presented their programmes and took stock of their Presidencies before the European Parliament.

On 15 November, the first debate on the state of the Union took place within the European Parliament, introduced by statements from the President of the European Parliament, Mr Hänsch, the President of the European Council, Mr González Marqués, and the President of the Commission, Mr Santer.

Throughout the year the Council, represented by its President, kept in close touch with the European Parliament and its various bodies. The Council appeared on over 80 occasions before parliamentary committees and delegations; the Presidency of the Council replied at plenary sittings to 302 questions

put at question time and to 40 oral questions requiring debate and a resolution. The Council also replied to 430 written questions put by Members of the European Parliament.

Other major debates provided for in the Treaty were held with Council participation on the one hand on the progress made with implementing the common foreign and security policy, and on the other on justice and home affairs.

Regular meetings also took place between the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, at plenary part-sessions, meetings which were twice expanded to involve the chairmen of Parliament's political groups. These meetings provided the forum for an exchange of views on questions of common interest to the three institutions and helped to resolve certain disputes.

In accordance with their reciprocal commitments, the European Parliament and the Commission agreed on a joint declaration on the legislative programme which the Commission had submitted to the Parliament. The Council adopted a declaration on the same legislative programme submitted by the Commission, and stressed which provisions of that programme it considered should take priority.

The European Parliament and the Commission also concluded a new code of conduct designed to establish the framework for their future relations, with a view to adjusting the code concluded in 1990 to the new institutional context. In a statement the Council emphasized that the undertakings entered into by the other two institutions were not applicable to it and that it might well take steps to safeguard its rights should these be affected.

In 1995 the Presidencies-in-Office of the Council also continued their meetings with the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The French and Spanish Presidencies appeared before these consultative bodies and outlined their programmes of work; they discussed questions of general interest. During 1995 the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States effected a partial renewal of the Court of First Instance. Similarly, the Council partially renewed the Court of Auditors.

5. Relations with the Council of Europe

Two quadripartite meetings were held in 1995 between the President of the Council and the President of the Commission for the European Union, and the Chairman of the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary-General for the Council of Europe. The aim of these meetings, which it had not been possible

to hold in 1994, is to improve cooperation and the coordination of the activities of the two organizations.

D. Preparation for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference — Report from the Reflection Group

The Heads of State or Government met in Paris on 9 June at the invitation of the President of the French Republic to make contact and prepare for the Cannes European Council. The European Council continued preparing for the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference at its meeting in Cannes on 26 and 27 June 1995, under the Presidency of Mr Chirac, and at its meeting in Madrid on 15 and 16 December 1995, under the Presidency of Mr González Márquez, and at the informal meeting of Heads of State or Government held on 22 and 23 September 1995 in Formentor (Majorca), also under the Spanish Presidency. The last meeting was specifically devoted to initiating consideration at the highest level of the implications and the main challenges of the forthcoming IGC, to be convened in 1996.

On 2 and 3 June in Messina, at the invitation of the Italian Government, the 40th anniversary of the Conference which led to the signing of the Treaties of Rome establishing the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community was commemorated. On that occasion the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted a solemn declaration of the European Union saluting the progress made over the last 40 years and calling for work to continue with the same determination, particularly with an eye to the forthcoming Intergovernmental Conference.

At the same time, on 2 June in Messina the Reflection Group set up by the Corfu European Council with a view to that Conference officially began work, under the chairmanship of the Spanish State Secretary for European Affairs, Mr Westendorp y Cabeza.

Over some 15 meetings between June and December, in accordance with the brief given by the Corfu European Council, confirmed and fleshed out at the Essen and Cannes European Councils, and on the basis of the reports that the institutions had been required to submit on the operation of the Treaty, the Group endeavoured to pinpoint the major challenges facing the Union, in particular given the prospect of further enlargements and of the need to improve both the efficiency of its operation and its capacity for external action and to involve all its citizens in the Union by means of more democracy and

transparency. The Group presented an introduction to the strategic challenges and an annotated agenda on the Intergovernmental Conference.

The Madrid European Council received the Group's report with great interest and thought that the guidelines agreed on by the Group, after detailed analysis of the internal and external challenges facing the Union and the possible responses, represented a sound basis for the discussions of the Intergovernmental Conference; it requested swift application of the provisions of Article N of the Treaty.

It also agreed that the Conference should begin work under the Italian Presidency with a formal inaugural meeting on 29 March 1996 in Turin. The European Council agreed on the general arrangements for the organization of the Conference and on the detailed rules for informing the applicant States and allowing them to express their views; the European Economic Area and Switzerland would also be kept informed. The European Council asked the Ministers for Foreign Affairs to define the procedures for involving the European Parliament in the Intergovernmental Conference and stressed that Parliament was to be closely associated with the work of the Conference.

E. Financing of the Union

In 1995 the financing of the Union's activities was based on the principles contained in the 1988 Decision on own resources, since the new 1994 Decision on own resources was still being ratified in the Member States, which confirmed the need to take account of the austerity the economic situation continued to require and made provision for continuation of the efforts to be accomplished in particular in achieving common policies. The European Council noted with satisfaction the Commission's initiative on sound financial management.

In a spirit of interinstitutional cooperation, the two arms of the budget authority and the Commission were able to reach a number of important conclusions on the rationalization of administrative expenditure, the consequences of which are already discernible in the 1996 budget. In the main, this rationalization — the aim of which is to realize significant budgetary savings — means that the institutions are to act together in areas such as the organization of recruitment competitions, staff training, the administration of social infrastructures and informatics.

As regards the combating of fraud and the protection of the Community's financial interests, the Council, acting on the conclusions of the Essen European

Council, adopted a number of conclusions establishing guidelines for the continuation of work on this issue. For its part the Commission prepared an analysis summarizing the reports of the Member States on the measures they were implementing at national level to combat fraud against the Community budget. The first conclusions of this analysis were submitted to the European Council at its meeting in Madrid.

The Council also adopted a Regulation on the protection of the financial interests of the Communities, which establishes for the first time a common framework for combating wastage and misappropriation of Community funds in all areas covered by Community policies by defining general rules applicable to Community administrative penalties and to the checks to be made by the Member States and the Commission.

On 6 March 1995, following several months of negotiations, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted a joint declaration on the inclusion of financial provisions in legislative acts. This declaration provides that the overall financial provision laid down by the legislator for the entire duration of a multiannual programme and included in the basic act is binding on the budget authority with respect to legislative acts adopted under the co-decision procedure by the European Parliament and the Council. As regards acts not subject to co-decision, this allocation constitutes a guide to the legislator's wishes but does not affect the powers of the budget authority; however, if the amount concerned is the subject of an agreement between the European Parliament and the Council in the framework of the conciliation procedure provided for in the joint declaration of 4 March 1975, it then acquires binding force as in the first case.

In addition, having examined the three special reports from the Court of Auditors in the context of the discharge, the Council asked the Commission to include in its follow-up report the action taken further to its conclusions on the above reports.

In a judgment dated 7 December 1995 the Court of Justice ruled on the application for annulment brought by the Council against the European Parliament aimed at having the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1995 declared void. While upholding the effects of that budget until the date on which Parliament and the Council definitively adopted the Community budget for the financial year 1995, the Court annulled the act by which the President of the European Parliament established the definitive adoption of the 1995 Community budget. The Council agreed in principle to the proposal put forward by the Commission to remedy the situation created by the Court's judgment.

Finally, the Council reached a solution on the actions eligible for funding under the Community budget on the basis of, respectively, Article J.11 of the Treaty on

European Union in the sphere of common foreign and security policy and Article K.8 of the same Treaty on cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs.

1. Budget procedure for 1996

(i) Preliminary draft budget for the Commission

The preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1996, which the Commission submitted on 15 June 1995, brings the expenditure total to ECU 86 280 million in commitment appropriations (CA) and ECU 81 928 million in payment appropriations (PA); these amounts represent an overall increase of 8.06% in CA and 8.60% in PA over the budget adopted for the financial year 1995 (including SAB No 1/95). Within these amounts, the Commission is proposing an increase of 8.72% in CA and 9.89% in PA for non-compulsory expenditure (NCE), in accordance with its own classification. Although the Commission has proposed financing based on the new Decision on financial resources, which the Member States are in the process of ratifying, it has kept its estimates of appropriations below the current own-resources ceiling (1.20% in PA).

Whilst basing its figures on the estimated continued economic revival, the Commission was keen to submit a preliminary draft budget for 1996 which confirmed the need to take account of the austerity which the economic situation continued to demand but which would enable work outstanding to continue, in particular in establishing common policies, and leave a comfortable margin under the headings of the financial perspective.

For the first time, the preliminary draft budget reflects the budgetary consequences of enlargement.

The preliminary draft budget for the Commission also provides for:

- (i) the re-allocation of expenditure left over from 1994 under structural actions;
- (ii) increased efforts concerning external action giving priority to development and cooperation with the Mediterranean third countries and with the countries of central and eastern Europe;
- (iii) the allocation for the second year of implementation of the fourth research and development programme;

- (iv) an overall increase in the amounts set aside for the trans-European networks;
- (v) the follow-up to certain priority schemes in the fields of education, vocational training and youth.

Letter of amendment No 1 to the preliminary draft budget 1996

The preliminary draft budget was amended by letter of amendment No 1, which was forwarded to the Council on 13 July 1995 and which brought commitment appropriations to ECU 86 311.4 million and payment appropriations to ECU 81 958.8 million; taking account of the estimates as presented by the institutions, the appropriations in the preliminary draft budget total ECU 86 367.8 million for commitments and ECU 82 015.2 million for payments.

The purpose of this letter of amendment is as follows: to take into account the budgetary impact of the Decision of the Agriculture Council of 22 June; to incorporate the budgetary effects of the Decision to bring forward payment of the second advance of the ewe premium and to revise the level of the agricultural guideline as a result of the aforementioned Decision.

(ii) Council — first reading

The Council considered this preliminary draft budget on 24 July 1995. Prior to that it had held the customary meeting with a delegation from the European Parliament at which conciliation took place on compulsory expenditure in the preliminary draft budget, in accordance with the new procedure laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement; this conciliation was preceded by a preliminary dialogue meeting on 30 June 1995. The three institutions secured important agreements regarding the rationalization of administrative expenditure.

Following its discussions, the Council established the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1996 and provided for an overall amount of ECU 86 019.8 million for commitment appropriations and ECU 81 359.7 million for payment appropriations, broken down as follows:

(million ECU)

	Non-compulsory expenditure	Compulsory expenditure
CA	42 595.4	43 424.4
PA	37 927.2	43 432.4

The Council drew up the draft budget for the financial year 1996 in accordance with the current own-resources ceiling; the Council appended to the draft budget, for information purposes, the financial implications of the new Decision on own resources.

The Council included letter of amendment No 1 to the preliminary draft budget in its draft budget for 1996; it adopted all the measures proposed by the Commission in that letter of amendment.

The main features of this draft are as follows (figures rounded off):

	<i>(million ECU)</i>	
	CA	PA
Common agricultural policy	38 554.0	38 554.0
Other measures	2 274.0	2 274.0
Structural Funds	26 579.0	23 722.7
Cohesion Funds	2 444.0	1 919.3
EEA financial mechanism	108.0	108.0
Research	3 228.1	3 104.0
Other internal policies	1 853.9	1 738.1
External actions:	5 103.6	4 064.3
<i>inter alia</i> PHARE and TACIS	1 760.0	1 582.0
Administrative expenditure:		
— Commission	2 683.2	2 683.2
— Other institutions	1 339.1	1 339.1
Monetary reserve	500.0	500.0
Emergency reserve	326.0	326.0
Loan guarantee reserve	326.0	326.0
Compensation	701.0	701.0

NCE increased by 8.01% in commitment appropriations and 8.21% in payment appropriations.

The changes made by the Council to the PDB for the Commission were dictated largely by a concern to continue observing strict budgetary discipline.

The Council also stressed the importance it attached to an orderly progression in the ratio of payments to commitments, especially as regards appropriations under heading 3 of the financial perspective.

The draft budget 1996 takes account of the principles of budgetary discipline and draws particular attention to the need to satisfy the requirement of a legal

basis for each heading, before the appropriations provided thereunder can be made available.

(iii) European Parliament — first reading

In a letter of 6 November 1995, the European Parliament forwarded to the Council the draft budget as amended and modified at its plenary on 26 October.

The European Parliament voted a budget amounting to 1.19% of GNP, thereby approving ECU 497.3 million CA and ECU 527.1 million PA in additional resources by comparison with the draft Council budget.

In accordance with the *ad hoc* conciliation meeting on 24 July 1995, Parliament did not propose any changes to subsection B1 (agricultural expenditure) of the general budget.

Its main proposals were as follows:

- (a) supplementary amounts to finance three priority policies for Parliament: new heading B3-1010 (Youth for Europe II) endowed with ECU 25 million in CA and ECU 18 million in PA; B3-306 (Information activities in connection with specific policies), endowed with ECU 50 million in CA and with PA entered in the BO-40 reserve, and B5-322 (Employment and growth for Europe) endowed with ECU 57.5 million in CA and PA;
- (b) for all 'agencies', reductions of varying scale; this provision is supplemented by the creation of a special global reserve of ECU 6 million in CA and PA;
- (c) a reduction in all headings relating to trans-European networks, in particular B5-700 (trans-European transport networks) to the amount of ECU 52 million in CA and ECU 22 million in PA;
- (d) re heading 4, Parliament reduced appropriations under heading B7-410 (MEDA) to ECU 412 million in CA and ECU 205 million in PA (a reduction of ECU 200 million in CA and ECU 50 million in PA);
- (e) a considerable amount of CFSP appropriations were moved from heading B7-013 (Other CFSP actions) and allocated to actions to help former Yugoslavia;
- (f) a proposed amendment to spread heading B7-800 (International fishery agreements) (CE) over four headings, one of which would be a reserve for

future agreements and to reduce appropriations by ECU 26.5 million in CA and ECU 16.5 million in PA;

- (g) as regards administrative expenditure, implementation of interinstitutional agreements on administrative cooperation in areas such as staff training, management of social infrastructures and data-processing, organization of open competitions for recruitment purposes.

Parliament frequently used the mechanism of placing appropriations in the general reserve: Chapter B0-40 for appropriations in Part B of the budget or Chapter 100 for administrative expenses.

It also introduced a modification of the whole structure of subsection B7 from which it removed the headings relating to the CFSP which it entered in a separate subsection B8, as in the 1995 budget.

Parliament's votes in first reading produced the following result:

<i>(million ECU)</i>		
	CA	PA
Including CE	43 401.0	43 419.0
NCE	43 116.1	38 476.7
Total	86 517.1	81 895.7

(iv) Council — second reading (17 November 1995)

In its second reading of the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1996, the Council expressed its views on all the proposed modifications and amendments voted by the European Parliament during the first reading.

As regards compulsory expenditure, the Council:

- (a) noted that Parliament in its first reading had not proposed any modification of subsection B1 (EAGGF Guarantee Section), as agreed at the conciliation meeting on 24 July;
- (b) had rejected the proposed modifications concerning the international fisheries agreements (proposed by Parliament as 'amendment' No 966) together with those concerning the termination of service of officials of institutions other than Parliament; in view of the special importance it attached to the matter, the Council agreed to repeat its constant position

whereby expenditure relating to international fisheries agreements (heading B7-800) was compulsory expenditure.

The Council was able to reach a compromise with Parliament representatives on ECU 245 million in CA and ECU 235 million in PA, of which ECU 35 million in CA and PA would be allocated to the B0-40 reserve.

As concerns non-compulsory expenditure, the Council:

(a) decided to reject the following amendments:

- AM 950 (B2-148): Entry in the reserve of past and future measures
- AM 951 (B3-1010): Youth for Europe II
- AM 954 (B3-306): Information activities in connection with specific policies
- AM 946 (B5-700): Trans-European transport networks
- AM 944 (B5-710): Energy
- AM 975 (B5-720): Telecommunications
- AM 733 (B7-420): MEDA
- AM 759 (A-3270): European schools;

(b) amended the 37 amendments on the Remarks to be added as a proviso for implementing the appropriations for the Structural Funds and replaced them by different 'Remarks';

(c) rejected all the amendments concerning the CFSP and the measures for former Yugoslavia (Nos 426, 978 and 971), except for amendment No 970 [B7-641 (Reconstruction of the republics formerly part of Yugoslavia)] which it amended by adding ECU 50 million in CA and ECU 40 million in PA to the appropriations provided for in the draft budget;

(d) agreed to change the nomenclature of subsection B7, as proposed in amendment No 732;

(e) did not change the measures adopted by the European Parliament in its own budget.

The appropriations have been broken down as follows (figures rounded off):

	<i>(millions ECU)</i>	
	CA	PA
Common agricultural policy	38 554.0	38 554.0
Other measures	2 274.0	2 274.0
Structural Funds	26 579.0	23 722.7
EEA Financial Mechanism	108.0	108.0
Cohesion Funds	2 444.0	1 919.3
Research	3 183.1	3 096.6
Other external policies	2 015.4	1 839.4
External actions	5 173.6	4 121.9
Administrative expenditure:		
— Commission	2 674.4	2 674.4
— Other institutions	1 429.7	1 429.7
Monetary reserve	500.0	500.0
Emergency aid reserve	326.0	326.0
Refunds, guarantees, reserves	326.0	326.0
Compensation	701.0	701.0

NCE increased by 8.71% in commitment appropriations and 8.89% in payment appropriations.

The Council in its second reading of the budget incorporated letter of amendment No 2 into the preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1996; for details see below.

(v) Letter of amendment No 2 to the preliminary draft budget for 1996

On 31 October 1995, the Commission forwarded to the Council letter of amendment No 2 to the preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1996, for the purpose of implementing the conclusions of the conciliation meeting on 24 July 1995 on the rationalization of administrative expenditure in respect of Section II — Council.

On 17 November 1995, the Council established letter of amendment No 2 to the preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1996, which it incorporated into its second reading of the draft budget for 1996, as suggested by the Commission.

(vi) European Parliament — second reading (14 December 1995)

At its second reading, Parliament confirmed almost entirely its first-reading position.

Furthermore, Parliament:

- (a) rejected the outcome of the second reading by the Council in respect of agencies, except for the Trade Marks Office (B7-302) for which it accepted the amount proposed by the Council in its second reading. However, it increased the appropriations it allocated in its first reading whilst entering part of them in the reserve for each agency;
- (b) confirmed the agreement reached with the Council on 17 November on international fisheries agreements;
- (c) returned to its first reading in connection with MEDA, but created two reserves: one positive and one negative, with ECU 200 million under each; this amount represents the difference between the appropriations provided by Parliament and those sought by the Council in its second reading. On the same occasion, Parliament also undertook to comply with the subceilings of the categories in the financial perspective.

Following this vote, the 1996 budget was as follows:

	<i>(ecu)</i>	
	CA	PA
Total appropriations	86 525 459 991.0	81 888 440 991.0
of which: CE	43 416 039 600.0	43 424 039 600.0
NCE	43 109 420 391.0	38 464 401 391.0

	<i>(million ecu)</i>	
Common agricultural policy	38 554.0	38 554.0
Other measures	2 274.0	2 274.0
Structural Funds	26 579.0	23 726.9
Other structural measures	108.0	108.0
Cohesion Fund	2 444.0	1 919.3
Research	3 183.2	3 096.6
Other internal policies	2 141.1	1 935.8
External actions	5 260.6	4 292.2
Administrative expenditure	4 128.6	4 128.6
Reserves	1 152.0	1 152.0
Compensation	701.0	701.0
MEDA reserve	200.0	200.0
Negative MEDA reserve	- 200.0	- 200.0

NCE rose by 9.31 % in CA and 9.74 % in PA, in accordance with the Council's classification.

This constitutes an increase in total expenditure of 8.37% in CA and 8.55% in PA over the previous financial year.

Following the vote, in view of the judgment of the Court of Justice annulling the declaration of final adoption of the budget 1995, the President of the Parliament stated that he was going to consider the legal position before signing the 1996 budget.

On 19 December a meeting took place between representatives of Parliament, the Council and the Commission at which a compromise was reached on the points at dispute in the 1995 budget; the President of the European Parliament of the European Communities signed the adoption of the general budget of the European Communities for 1996 on 21 December 1995 (see point 3(viii) below). This budget provides for an overall total of ECU 86 525 459 991.0 in commitment appropriations (CA) and ECU 81 888 440 991.0 in payment appropriations (PA), representing an increase in total expenditure over the previous financial year of 8.37% in CA and 8.55% in PA.

2. Follow-up to the 1995 budgetary procedure

(i) SAB 1/95

To permit the mobilization of funds entered in the reserves for each section of the general budget for 1995 under the heading of enlargement, the Commission forwarded to the Council on 21 February 1995 preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No 1 to the 1995 budget.

This PDSAB No 1/95 includes, in the case of expenditure, the allocation of appropriations under each budget heading in each subsection of the budget in the light of the requirements identified, including amounts for administrative appropriations entered under the reserve for each of the institutions and, in the case of revenue, consideration of supplementary adjustment revenue in the settling of accounts.

Furthermore, PDSAB No 1/95 maintains differentiated appropriations under three headings in subsection B1 which were differentiated when Parliament adopted the 1995 budget: B1-500 (Accompanying measures/former system),

B1-5010 (Early retirement) and B1-520 (Afforestation) (+ECU 1 million for each in PA).

As regards revenue, PDSAB No 1/95 contains principally the surplus of ECU 6 589 million available from the financial year 1994 and includes in the budget an amount equal to the foreseeable repayment to the Member States, which totals ECU 1 923 million.

After it had been examined by the Council and the European Parliament, supplementary and amending budget No 1/95 was adopted on the basis of the Commission proposal subject to certain adjustments. Despite the Council's request that the appropriations under the three headings in subsection B1 should not be differentiated, Parliament continued to differentiate them when adopting SAB No 1/95 on 26 April 1995.

The Council regretted that in the area of agricultural expenditure, Parliament had again treated these headings as non-compulsory expenditure when the classification of such expenditure had been referred to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a ruling. For that reason, on 15 June 1995 the Council decided to apply to the Court of Justice under Article 173 of the TEC (see point 3(viii) below) to have this SAB annulled.

The budget total for the financial year 1995, including SAB 1/95, is therefore ECU 79 845.6 million in CA and ECU 75 438.4 million in PA (cf. the amounts adopted in the 1995 budget before SAB No 1/95 was submitted).

(ii) SAB 2/95

On 24 November 1995, the Commission forwarded to the Council draft supplementary and amending budget No 2 for the financial year 1995 designed to enter ECU 22.5 million (the margin remaining under heading No 5 of the financial perspective) in favour of the Court of Justice to permit prefinancing of the purchase of certain new buildings which the Court of Justice occupies in Luxembourg.

The Council was unable to establish that such a measure fulfilled the conditions laid down in the Financial Regulation.

After holding the exchange of views with Parliament provided for in the fifth subparagraph of Article 15 of the Financial Regulation, the Council thought that no DSAB and hence no ASAB No 2/95 should be established.

3. Other budgetary matters

(i) Discharge in respect of the implementation of the 1993 budget

At its meeting on 20 March 1995, the Council adopted the recommendation to be sent to the European Parliament with a view to the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1993.

(ii) Treatment of Court of Auditors special reports

After considering on 20 March 1995 the three special reports pertaining to discharge, the Council asked the Commission to include in its follow-up report details of action taken on the Council's conclusions concerning the aforementioned reports.

(iii) Combating fraud against the Community budget and protection of the Community's financial interests

As regards combating fraud and the protection of the Community's financial interests, on 19 June 1995 the Council, acting on the conclusions of the Essen European Council, adopted a number of conclusions establishing guidelines for the continuation of work on this issue during the second half of 1995.

The Commission prepared an analysis summarizing the reports of Member States on the measures they were implementing at national level to combat fraud against the Community budget. The first conclusions of this analysis were submitted to the European Council meeting in Madrid.

On 18 December 1995, the Council also adopted a Regulation on the protection of the financial interests of the Communities. This Regulation (No 2988/95) establishes for the first time a common framework for combating wastage and misappropriation of Community funds in all areas covered by Community policies by defining general rules applicable to Community administrative penalties and to the checks to be made by Member States and the Commission.

(iv) Inclusion of financial provisions in legislation

On 6 March 1995, following several months of negotiations, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission adopted a joint declaration on the inclusion of financial provisions in legislative acts.

This declaration provides that the overall financial provision laid down by the legislator for the entire duration of a multiannual programme and included in the basic act is binding on the budget authority with respect to legislative acts adopted under the co-decision procedure by the European Parliament and the Council. As regards acts not subject to co-decision, this allocation constitutes a guide to the legislator's wishes but does not affect the powers of the budget authority; however, if the amount concerned is the subject of an agreement between the European Parliament and the Council in the framework of the conciliation procedure provided for in the joint declaration of 4 March 1975, it then acquires binding force as in the first case.

(v) Carry over of appropriations

At its meeting on 20 March 1995, the Council recorded its agreement to a request by the Commission on 16 February 1994 to carry over non-differentiated appropriations, on the basis of Article 7(3) of the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities.

(vi) Transfers of appropriations

After consulting the European Parliament, the Council took a decision on proposals for transfers of appropriations between chapters relating to compulsory expenditure, which the Commission had submitted (Article 26(4) and (5)(a) of the Financial Regulation); after being consulted by the European Parliament it gave its opinion on proposals for transfers relating to non-compulsory expenditure (Article 26(4) and (5)(a)).

(vii) Rationalization of administrative expenditure

In a spirit of interinstitutional cooperation, the two arms of the budget authority and the Commission were able to reach a number of important conclusions on the rationalization of administrative expenditure, the consequences of which are already reflected in the 1996 budget.

In the main, this rationalization — the aim of which is to realize significant budgetary savings — means that the institutions are to act together in areas such as the organization of recruitment competitions, staff training, the administration of social infrastructures and informatics.

(viii) Appeals

In its first reading of the draft budget for 1995, the European Parliament adopted amendments to the remarks on many headings in section B1 of the 'EAGGF

Guarantee Section' budget. According to the remarks, the Commission would have a discretionary margin in that area, thereby making expenditure either fully or partially non-compulsory.

Parliament upheld this position during the second reading.

The Council thought this measure by Parliament contrary to Community provisions in force and, at its meeting on 23 January 1995, decided to apply to the Court of Justice under Article 173 TEC to have the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1995 declared void.

In a judgment dated 7 December 1995 the Court of Justice declared the Council's application founded and annulled the act by which the President of the European Parliament established the definitive adoption of the 1995 Community budget while upholding the effects of that budget until the date on which Parliament and the Council definitively adopted the Community budget for the financial year 1995.

The Council agreed in principle to a proposal on the following basis submitted by the Commission to overcome the situation created by the judgment of the Court of Justice:

- the remarks introduced by the European Parliament concerning the headings under dispute would be deleted;
- the amounts actually implemented and communicated by the Commission would be entered under the EAGGF headings concerned by the judgment and under the three headings of SAB 1/95 which had motivated the application still before the Court of Justice;
- these modifications would be effected through a letter of amendment to be introduced by the Commission in early 1996.

It was agreed that once the 1995 budget had been adopted the Council would withdraw its appeal against SAB 1/95, which would become redundant.

F. Internal market

As in previous years, action has been directed towards completing the internal market. The European Council stressed the importance of completion by introducing increased competition in a great number of sectors to step up competitiveness with a view to generating employment and confirmed the need

to make this objective compatible with the exercise of general economic interest duties by the public services.

The Council took stock of the process of transposing Community law on the internal market into national law. Other general topics were discussed by the Council, particularly those concerned with administrative cooperation and legislative and administrative simplification, notably as regards the rules applicable to companies.

On the matter of the uniform and efficient application of Community law and the penalties applicable in the event of infringements of that law in the sphere of the internal market, the Council adopted a Resolution on the subject in which it urged the Commission to be particularly attentive to this aspect in exercising its role as guardian of the Treaty and its right of initiative, and asked the Member States to cooperate in promoting the objective sought of effective and uniform application.

For its part the Commission presented a new initiative entitled 'Citizens First' to be launched in 1996 to heighten the public's awareness of the benefits of the internal market.

Finally, the Council initiated a dialogue with the Ministers of the CCEE concerning those countries' state of readiness for integration into the internal market. The discussions focused on the White Paper drawn up by the Commission on the subject, which it was agreed would constitute a major feature of the pre-accession strategies of the countries concerned and a useful guide for their programmes.

1. Removal of trade barriers

The Council adopted a Decision establishing reciprocal information procedures in the event of national measures hampering the free movement of goods within the Community.

The motor vehicle sector was the subject of attention from the Council throughout the year. It adopted a Directive to regulate the power of motorcycles, the 12th in a series covering this sector, and a common position on another Directive concerned with all the other characteristics of two or three-wheel motor vehicles, the adoption of which will complete the Community framework for type-approval of these vehicles.

As regards the safety of occupants, the Council adopted a Directive setting the requirements as regards flammability of the materials used in the internal fitting-out of buses and coaches, and a common position on the first of the

proposals for Directives on side and frontal-impact resistance. On levels of pollution, the Council adopted a Directive making provision for further reductions in particulate emissions from diesel engines and a common position on proposals to reduce exhaust emissions from light goods vehicles to align them with those of private cars.

The Council adopted new harmonization provisions in another important area, that of lifts, with the twin aims of removing obstacles to free movement of lifts and their components in the Community while ensuring a high level of safety for users, and widening the scope to all types of lifts.

2. Customs union

The Council adopted a common position on the Commission proposal for a Community action programme in the customs sphere entitled 'Customs 2000' to run for a five-year period from 1996 until 2000, with the aim of developing and modernizing customs administrations to increase the efficiency of checks at the Community's external borders and administer optimally the internal market.

The Council also adopted five Decisions on the conclusion of agreements between the Community and Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela on the control of trade in chemical precursors frequently used in the illicit manufacture of drugs and psychotropic substances. The agreements were signed on the same day by the Community and the countries in question.

3. Company law

In 1995 the lengthy negotiations for the creation of a Community framework for the mutual recognition and enforcement of decisions on insolvency proceedings in the European Union finally bore fruit. A Convention based on Article 220 of the Treaty was initialled by the 15 Member States and subsequently opened for signature in November for a six-month period. It was signed by 12 Member States on the occasion of the Council meeting on 23 November. It remains open for signature by the Governments of Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom until 23 May 1996.

4. Tax harmonization

In this sector, 1995 initially saw a review of the Community rules adopted in 1992 on VAT and excise duty rates. Where VAT rates were concerned, the

Commission submitted a proposal for a Directive to the Council amending the 1992 Directive on the application of VAT on agricultural products.

In the VAT sector, the Council adopted, on the basis of the sixth VAT Directive, a number of Decisions aimed in substance at authorizing Member States which so wished to adopt simplification measures in derogation from the normal VAT arrangements.

In the excise duty sector, the Council adopted two Directives, one aimed at achieving legislative consolidation of the rules on the taxation of manufactured tobaccos, the other establishing Community rules for the colouring and marking of mineral oils subject to a reduced rate. The Council also adopted, in the framework of the harmonization of the structures of excise duties on mineral oils, a Decision authorizing certain Member States to introduce or retain reductions on or exemptions from excise duties for particular policy reasons.

In response to the undertaking given at the European Council meeting in Essen, the Commission submitted to the Council an amended proposal for a Directive on the introduction of a tax on CO₂ emissions and on energy.

Finally, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States signed a Convention allowing Austria, Finland and Sweden to accede to the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises.

5. Financial area

The Council and the European Parliament adopted a Directive aimed at reinforcing the prudential supervision of credit institutions, insurance companies, investment firms and undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS).

In the banking sector, the Council also adopted two common positions, the first on the conditions regarding the solvency ratios of credit institutions as regards recognition by the competent authorities of contracts for novation and netting agreements (contractual netting), and the second concerned with a Directive on cross-border credit transfers.

In the investment services sector, the Council adopted a common position on the establishment of investor compensation schemes.

The Commission submitted a proposal to the Council for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on investment services in the securities field aimed in particular at the creation of a securities markets committee, and

another proposal amending the first Banking Directive with respect to the permanent exclusion of certain credit institutions.

The Commission also referred to the Council and the European Parliament a proposal for a Directive on the supplementary supervision of insurance undertakings in an insurance group.

6. Food and plant-health sector

Action in this sector continued in 1995 to supplement or update measures already taken to safeguard both public health and the proper operation of the internal market.

On food additives, the Council adopted a Directive on food additives other than colours and sweeteners by authorizing a list of various additives which could be used and the conditions for their use.

The Council also adopted four common positions on, respectively, the amendment of the Directive on the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs, a first Regulation on novel foods and novel food ingredients, a Directive amending the conditions for the use and placing on the market of natural mineral waters, and a Regulation establishing a Community procedure for flavouring substances used in foodstuffs.

7. Intellectual property

The Council adopted its common positions on the proposal for a Directive concerning the legal protection of databases and on the proposal for a Regulation concerning the creation of a supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products.

In the case of the proposal for a Directive concerning the legal protection of biotechnological inventions, the European Parliament rejected the joint text approved by the Conciliation Committee and hence that proposal could not be adopted. It should be noted that this was the first time since the introduction of the co-decision procedure between the European Parliament and the Council that the European Parliament had rejected a joint text approved by its delegation and the Council's delegation in the Conciliation Committee.

8. Data protection

The Council adopted the Directive on the protection of individuals with regard to processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.

9. Telecommunications

Further to the Corfu and Cannes European Council conclusions, the Council agreed to a Resolution on the industrial aspects of the information society for the European Union. It also adopted a Resolution on the introduction of the future regulatory framework to accompany liberalization, calling on the Commission to propose all of the legislation required for the full liberalization of telecommunications by 1 January 1998.

The formal adoption by the Council of the Directive harmonizing conditions for the application of ONP to voice telephony supplied one of the main missing elements in the Community regulatory framework for telecommunications. The proposal for a Directive on telecommunications interconnection is the first of a set of proposals to revise legislation in order to adapt the Community legislative framework to the new competitive environment after 1998.

By way of other liberalization measures, the Council adopted a Resolution on mobile and personal communications and the Commission made use of its powers under Article 90 of the Treaty to amend its Directive 90/388/EEC with regard to the abolition of restrictions on the use of cable television networks to provide the telecommunications services already liberalized, mobile and personal communications, and the full opening-up to competition of the telecommunications market.

The Decision on a set of guidelines for the development of the European ISDN (integrated-services digital network) as a trans-European network was formally adopted in November 1995 following acceptance by the Council of the European Parliament's amendments. In the second half of 1995, work progressed rapidly on guidelines for the objectives, priorities and broad thrust of measures in the field of trans-European telecommunications networks, and the Council reached preliminary political agreement with a view to a common position on the proposed Decision.

The Directive on the use of standards for transmitting television signals was formally adopted by the Council and the European Parliament to replace an earlier Directive on standards for satellite broadcasting of television signals.

The Council formally adopted the Decision establishing a three-year programme for the Community contribution to the interchange of data between administra-

tions (IDA), intended to facilitate the interchange of data using information technology between national administrations and between Community institutions, with total funding of ECU 60 million for 1995 and 1996. It also reached political agreement on the Decision concerning a multiannual Community programme to stimulate the development of a European multimedia content industry and encourage the use of such multimedia content in the new information society (INFO 2000), with a total budget of ECU 65 million for the four-year programme.

10. Postal services

The Council held an initial discussion on the proposal for a Directive on common rules for the development of postal services in the Community and the improvement of quality of service. That proposal for a Directive was accompanied by a draft communication explaining how the Commission would apply the competition rules under the Treaty to the postal sector. The Council adopted conclusions calling in particular for alignment of the definitions and terms used in both texts and for the communication to be published at the same time as the Directive and in any event by the end of 1996.

G. Agriculture and fisheries

1. Agriculture

The year 1995 is the third and final one of transition in applying the reform of the common agricultural policy decided upon in 1992. During the year, the Community continued to implement the components of that policy, with the consistent aim of introducing improvements in the light of practical experience as well as greater flexibility. The aim is, by improving competitiveness, to enable farmers in a Union enlarged to 15 members to enjoy a fair standard of living and to continue their activities. However, the purpose is also, at the same time, gradually to adjust the sectors not yet reformed. Such work was also carried out against the background of implementation of the GATT agreements, giving rise to the framing of new rules for the World Trade Organization.

With regard to common market organizations, the Council established the common organization of the market in dried fodder, for which it set the guaranteed national quantities, then adjusted the common organization of the

market in sugar, chiefly for the effects of the GATT agreement and of enlargement, and decided on the reform of the common organization of the market in rice with the adoption of two Regulations, one establishing the framework for the reform and the other laying down the standard quality of paddy rice for intervention. The Council considered in depth the proposal to reform the common organization of the wine market but, as 1995 was a lower production year, it agreed to continue its discussions later. It also embarked upon reform of the fruit and vegetable sector, identifying the many issues to be addressed.

In agricultural structures, the Council adopted Directives on the lists of less-favoured farming areas in Austria, Finland and Sweden. In addition, the rate of compulsory set-aside was determined in September, at the very start of the marketing year, bringing a reduction in that rate in view of the state of stocks and the prospect of shortages on the world cereals market.

The annual discussions on the 1995/96 price review, simplified by implementation of the reform and combined with other measures, resulted in a package of measures adopted by the Council by a qualified majority at its meeting in June. At that meeting the Council decided on the allocation of final milk quotas for Greece and Italy and adopted two Regulations amending arrangements for cotton. At the same time it substantially amended the agri-monetary arrangements with the adoption of rules for some Member States designed to offset lost earnings as a result of a significant reduction in a rate applicable to certain amounts set under the CAP. Under the June agreement, then, the Council and the Commission accepted the possibility of granting national aid to offset farming income losses as a result of currency fluctuations in other Member States.

The Council also amended the basic Regulation on the financing of the CAP to bring about greater transparency and swifter settlement of accounts as well as better cooperation between the Commission and Member States.

In veterinary harmonization, the Council adopted a number of amendments to existing rules and was faced with the problem of the use of hormones and beta-agonists in meat production. It also looked into the question of calf-rearing.

On the protection of animals in transit, the Council adopted by a qualified majority a Directive based on a more precise definition of transport conditions and the setting of travel and rest periods.

Lastly, under the structured dialogue established by the European Council, the first joint meeting with the Ministers for Agriculture of the CCEE was held in September.

2. Fisheries

In 1995, an important part of action under the common fisheries policy was devoted to international aspects, mainly with regard to activities within the framework of certain international organizations. At internal level, the common fisheries policy underwent major changes, in particular with regard to extension of its scope and implementation of new instruments.

In order to improve full management of the activities of the Community fleet, both within Community waters and in third-country and international waters, external action under the common fisheries policy continued within the framework of international organizations and relations based on agreement. The Community therefore played a decisive role in the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Species, in which an Agreement was adopted for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory species. Within the framework of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), the Community also contributed to resolving the conflict on the allocation of the Greenland halibut TAC for 1995 in the NAFO area by rendering multilateral the agreement between the Community and Canada, and adopted certain internal legislative acts pursuant to the measures adopted by NAFO, in particular with regard to joint international inspection, monitoring and the conservation and management of fisheries resources. Finally, the Community participated in the proceedings of several international fisheries organizations.

With regard to relations based on agreements with third countries, the new fisheries agreement with Morocco, which entered into force on 1 December 1995 for a period of four years, may be considered one of the most important agreements concluded between the Community and a third country, in particular as regards the volume of fishing possibilities.

The Community also continued cooperation with other partners which are important for the Community fisheries sector such as Norway, the Baltic States, Argentina and the West African and Indian Ocean States.

At internal level, the instructions given by the Essen European Council to ensure complete integration of Spain and Portugal into the common fisheries policy were carried out to the full. Following the enlargement of the Union, the Finnish and Swedish fisheries sectors were also integrated into the common policy.

With regard to management of resources, the fisheries policy gained a new instrument with the establishment of a system for the management of fishing effort which aims at controlling the fleet's capacity and catches with the aim of geographical distribution of fishing so as to maintain the existing balance between the various areas. Pursuant to those principles, the Council adopted a

first Regulation establishing the rules for access to certain Community fishing areas and resources and another establishing a system for the management of fishing effort which fixes the maximum annual level of fishing effort for each Member State and each fishery. Those rules were supplemented by a Council Regulation to ensure that the new system for the management of fishing effort is complied with fairly and without discrimination.

At the same time, other measures were adopted concerning the continued application of measures to conserve resources, restructure the Community fleet and to finance programmes submitted by the Member States for acquiring and improving monitoring and supervision facilities.

The Council adopted socioeconomic measures for crew members who will be affected by the adaptation of fishing capacity to available resources. Member States in particular are allowed to use FIFG funds to co-finance national early retirement schemes for fishermen who are over 55 years of age and have worked for more than 10 years; flat-rate direct aid may also be given to fishermen in crisis situations.

With regard to TACs (total allowable catches) and quotas, the Council fixed the annual levels for 1996 as usual.

H. Transport

Following the impetus given by the European Council, the Council adopted a common position with a view to adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network.

1. Inland transport

With regard to road transport, the Council adopted a common position aimed firstly at further amending the Directive on the weights, dimensions and certain other technical characteristics of certain road vehicles and secondly at recasting it, bringing together in a single text all the provisions concerning proof of the conformity of vehicles.

With regard to rail transport, the Council adopted two Directives: one introduces a licence for railway undertakings and the other concerns the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the charging of infrastructure fees within the Community. It also adopted a common position with a view to adoption of a

Directive on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed railway system and adopted a Resolution on the development of rail transport and combined transport.

With regard to inland waterway transport, the Council adopted a Regulation on structural improvements in inland waterway transport which introduced the possibility of Community financial contributions to scrapping schemes for 1995.

With regard to transport safety, the Council adopted a Directive on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road and adopted a common position with a view to requiring undertakings whose activities include the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail or inland waterway or loading or unloading operations connected with such transport to appoint safety advisers responsible for helping to prevent risks. The Council also adopted a common position with a view in particular to transposing into Community law the Regulations concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by rail (RID).

Finally, with a view to contributing to improvement of road traffic safety and facilitating the movement of persons who take up residence in a Member State other than that in which they passed a driving test, the Council set out the main lines of an agreement concerning an optional Community model for a 'credit-card'-type driving licence.

With regard to external relations, the Council adopted two Decisions authorizing the Commission to negotiate respectively an agreement with Switzerland in the field of road, rail, combined and air transport, a transport agreement with Croatia of the same type as that with Slovenia and an additional protocol to the transport agreement between the Community and Slovenia following the accession of Austria. Regarding the central and eastern European countries (CCEE), the Council authorized the Commission to negotiate, firstly, an agreement on the occasional carriage of passengers and, secondly, a transit agreement with Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria on the transport of goods.

Finally, the Council held a first joint meeting within the framework of the structured dialogue with CCEE Transport Ministers.

2. Air transport

The Council adopted two Resolutions concerning respectively relocation in air transport and congestion and crisis situations in air traffic. It also reached political agreement on adopting a Directive to liberalize access to the ground-handling markets at Community airports.

With regard to relations with third countries, the Council authorized the Commission to initiate negotiations with Switzerland.

3. Maritime transport

The Council adopted a Regulation on the safety management of roll-on/roll-off passenger vessels and a Directive concerning the enforcement, in respect of shipping using Community ports and sailing in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Member States, of international standards for ship safety, pollution prevention and shipboard living and working conditions (port State control), and reached agreement in principle on adoption of a Directive on marine equipment with a view to improving its safety performance.

The Council agreed on a Resolution on short-distance sea shipping.

The Council also studied the first report on implementation of the Regulation applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport within Member States.

I. Other sectoral policies

1. Social policy

The Council adopted a Directive amending the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers. The text lays down, in particular, the employer's obligation to ensure that work equipment is checked on installation and after each assembly and that ergonomic principles are fully taken into consideration when applying the minimum health and safety requirements.

Member States coordinated their positions in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen), the 82nd session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva) and the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995. In the context of the follow-up to the Beijing Conference, the Council examined in particular the integration of the principle of equality between men and women into all the policies and programmes of the European Union and the Member States (mainstreaming principle).

In the sphere of equal opportunities for men and women, the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted a Resolution on the image of women and men portrayed in advertising and the media. For its part, the Council adopted a Resolution concerning the balanced participation of women and men in decision-making and, on 22 December, a Decision on the fourth medium-term Community action programme on equal opportunities for women and men (1996-2000).

For the first time, in the context of the agreement annexed to the Protocol on Social Policy to the Treaty, agreement was reached between the social partners on the draft Directive on the possibility of reconciling professional and family life ('parental leave'), a proposal for a Directive which has been under examination by the Council for several years.

In the sphere of social security for migrant workers, the Council adopted two Regulations amending Community rules as a result of the changes in Member States' social security legislation or in order to improve the Regulations concerned as a result of experience acquired in implementing them.

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted a Resolution on the fight against racism and xenophobia in the fields of employment and social affairs. The Council also adopted a Resolution on the transposition and application of Community social legislation.

The dialogue with employers' and workers' representatives was continued within the European Social Conference (Paris, 30 March 1995) and the Standing Committee on Employment.

The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States adopted a Resolution on the employment of elderly workers.

Finally, the Council held a policy debate on the social dimension of international trade.

2. Education

The European Parliament and the Council adopted the Community action programme Socrates, which is aimed at encouraging cooperation between Member States in the sphere of education by achieving nine specific objectives and which in substance takes over the earlier programmes in the educational sphere while extending its scope to teaching in schools with a budgetary allocation of ECU 850 million for the period from 1995 to 1999. The CCEE, Cyprus and Malta may participate in this programme.

The Council adopted two Decisions concluding Agreements for cooperation in higher education and vocational education and training between the Community and the United States of America and Canada respectively.

The European Parliament and the Council adopted a Decision proclaiming 1996 'European Year of Lifelong Learning', providing for information, awareness-raising and promotional actions to be undertaken during the European Year.

Finally, the Council adopted conclusions on the importance and implications of the quality of vocational training and a Resolution on improving and diversifying language learning and teaching within education systems. It also adopted conclusions on social participation as a factor for quality in education prior to university education. The Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, adopted a Resolution on the response of educational systems to the problems of racism and xenophobia.

3. Youth

The European Parliament and the Council adopted the third phase of the 'Youth for Europe' programme, which covers a five-year period (1995-99) and provides for the expansion of activities, in particular with regard to youth exchanges between the Member States and the training of youth workers, with a financial appropriation of ECU 126 million for its implementation. The CCEE, Cyprus and Malta may participate in this programme.

The Council further adopted two Resolutions on cooperation in the field of youth information and studies concerning youth and on cooperation with third countries in the youth field.

4. Culture

The Council adopted its common position on the programme to support artistic and cultural activities (Kaleidoscope).

The Council also adopted Resolutions on culture and the multimedia, cultural cooperation with the CCEE and the promotion of statistics on culture and economic growth.

In the audiovisual sphere, the Council adopted two Decisions on the second phase of the MEDIA programme (the first phase of which has been under way since 1991), one on a programme to promote the development and distribution of European audiovisual works (MEDIA II — Development and Distribution), the other on a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual

programme industry (MEDIA II — Training). The MEDIA programme has a budget of ECU 310 million for a period of five years (ECU 265 million for development and distribution and ECU 45 million for training). The two programmes are open to the CCEE and, on the basis of additional appropriations, to Cyprus, Malta and EFTA Member States that are parties to the EEA Agreement, and to cooperation by other third countries having concluded cooperation agreements including audiovisual clauses.

In addition, at the end of the year the Commission submitted a proposal for a Decision establishing a European Guarantee Fund to promote cinema and television production.

The Commission also proposed that the 'Television without frontiers' Directive be amended to increase and update the legal certainty of the enacting terms.

Finally, the Council adopted conclusions on linguistic diversity and pluralism in the European Union.

5. Public health

In line with the 1994 Resolution on the framework for Community action in the field of public health, action in 1995 focused on proposals concerning priority action areas to prevent certain major health scourges and diseases in general.

The Council therefore adopted its common position on proposals for Decisions based on Article 129 of the EC Treaty concerning respectively an action plan to combat cancer, a programme of Community action on health promotion, information, education and training, a programme of Community action on the prevention of AIDS and certain other communicable diseases, and a programme of Community action on the prevention of drug dependence. Those programmes, to which funding has been allocated, are to take over from the existing programmes with a five-year perspective (1996-2000).

In parallel with its legislative activity, the Council adopted four Resolutions on the aspects concerning improvement of the supply of medicinal products (Resolutions on 'orphan' medicinal products and non-proprietary (generic) medicinal products), free movement within the Community (Resolution on mutual recognition in Member States of the validity of medical prescriptions), protection of consumers of products affecting health (Resolution on preparations of medicinal plants and Resolutions on blood self-sufficiency and the safety of blood and blood products on which the Council adopted a Resolution following the communication submitted by the Commission in December 1994).

Finally, the Council reaffirmed the need to incorporate health protection requirements into Community policies.

6. Consumer protection

In addition to adaptation, following enlargement of the Union, of the Decision setting up a Community system of information on home and leisure accidents which was adopted on the specific legal basis of Article 129a of the EC Treaty, in 1995 measures to protect consumers were situated in particular in the context of approximation of national laws with a view to improving the operation of the internal market.

The Council was able to adopt common positions on two proposals for Directives on the protection of consumers in respect of contracts negotiated at a distance and comparative advertising respectively.

The Commission also submitted a proposal for a Directive on indication of the prices of products offered to consumers.

With a view to future discussions, the Council asked the Commission, in three Resolutions, to draw up a situation report on products presented as being beneficial to health and to assess what, if any, was the need for Community initiatives in the field of consumer education and information and consumer credit following the Commission report on the application of existing Community legislation in this field.

7. Industry

In 1995, discussions concerning European industry's competitiveness continued on the basis of a Commission action programme for implementing initiatives announced in the communication on an industrial competitiveness policy for the European Union. In this context, the Council adopted several conclusions and reached a preliminary agreed position on the proposal for a Decision implementing a Community action programme to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry.

The Council also agreed to the text of a Resolution on SMEs and technological innovation.

On the basis of a communication submitted by the Commission after the Essen European Council, the Council adopted conclusions emphasizing the need for increased industrial cooperation between the European Union and the CCEE to restructure and modernize their industry. It also agreed to conclusions concern-

ing industrial cooperation with other regions and third countries, in particular with a view to developing industrial cooperation within the framework of Euro-Mediterranean policy, in accordance with the conclusions of the European Council meetings in Corfu, Essen and Cannes.

In April 1995, the Council decided to conclude the Agreement between the European Communities and the Government of the United States of America concerning application of competition rules.

(i) Shipbuilding

At its meeting in November 1995, the Council reached agreement in principle on a proposal for a Regulation concerning aids to shipbuilding, which should enable the Community to meet its obligations under the international Agreement concluded within the OECD framework concerning normal competitive conditions in the shipbuilding and repair industry.

(ii) Community steel industry

In the context of the process of monitoring aid to the steel industry, the Council examined the half-yearly reports from the Commission concerning rigorous monitoring of State aid which had been authorized in December 1993. In November 1995 the Council also authorized State aid for 1995-2000 for an Austrian steel undertaking with a view to its gradual closure.

8. Regional policy and economic and social cohesion

To deal with certain special difficulties faced by Portugal as a result of the 1993 GATT agreements, the Council decided to grant Community financial assistance for a reference amount of ECU 400 million at 1994 prices to Portugal for a specific programme for modernizing the textile and garment industry for 1995-99.

In the context of Community support for promoting the economic and social development of its most remote regions, the Council approved two Regulations concerning respectively aid financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for producers of fishery products in the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French Department of Guiana and extension or adjustment of certain specific agricultural measures decided on by the Council in 1991 for the benefit of the French Overseas Departments.

9. Research and technological development

After adoption in 1994 of the framework programmes and the various specific programmes for the period 1994-98, action in this field in 1995 focused on consolidating this policy and on certain specific measures.

The Council adopted a common position on adjustment of the EC and Euratom framework programmes as a result of enlargement of the Union, with a total increase of 6.5% (ECU 800 million) divided across the board between the various programmes.

At the same time, the Council adopted conclusions on coordination of R&D policies and a further Resolution on CREST in order to adapt its terms of reference to the current requirements of Community R&D policy.

In the field of international cooperation, the Council agreed to Community participation in INTAS (International Association for the Promotion of Cooperation with Scientists from the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union) being extended for the entire period covered by the fourth framework programme (1994-98). The Council also instructed the Commission to negotiate a multilateral agreement with several industrialized third countries in the field of intelligent manufacturing systems (IMS). Conclusions were also adopted on the progress of the ITER project (the international thermonuclear experimental reactor).

With regard to bilateral scientific and technical agreements, the Council agreed to the signing of such an agreement with Canada.

In the framework of the structured dialogue with the CCEE, the Union's Research Ministers held a meeting with their counterparts in those countries.

Finally, it should be pointed out that COST, in which 25 European countries now participate, has continued to provide a framework for R&D cooperation enabling national research efforts to be coordinated at pan-European level with 122 actions under way.

10. Environment

To a greater extent than in 1994, international activities occupied an important place in environment policy action, bearing witness to the importance the Union attaches to cooperation with its partners, which is essential for achieving a solution to increasingly global environmental problems.

The Community thus played a decisive role at the third Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and at the Seventh Conference of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. In the context of the follow-up to the Rio Summit (1992), the Community position was decisive in ensuring that the First Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change decided to draw up a protocol or other legal instrument on limitation and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and that the Second Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity decided to draw up a protocol on biological safety.

The Council continued its action to protect the environment in the central and eastern European countries (CCEE) and in the Mediterranean.

In the context of the CCEE, the Union contributed greatly to the Third Pan-European Conference of Environment Ministers. With regard to the Mediterranean, stress should be laid on the Community's participation in the Ninth Conference of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and, in the context of the approach defined by the European Council in Cannes, on the results of the Euro-Mediterranean Conference, where the priority to be given to the environment was affirmed and given concrete form in the work programme adopted by that Conference.

Finally, attention should be drawn to the conclusion of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes which supplements the Community's internal water policy stance.

At Community level, action focused on monitoring activities involving risks for human health and the environment and on protecting specific environments (air and water) and flora and fauna.

The first set of actions includes the common positions on the proposal for a Directive on integrated pollution prevention and control, the proposal for a Directive on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances (Seveso II) and the proposal for a Directive amending the Directive on assessment of the environmental impact of certain public and private projects.

In the second set of actions, the proposal for a Directive on ambient air quality assessment and management and the proposal for a Decision establishing a reciprocal exchange of information and data from networks and individual stations measuring ambient air pollution within the Member States, on which the Council adopted its common position, will eventually provide the Community with a detailed legislative framework with regard to air pollution. That framework will be supplemented by a specific strategy to combat the problem of acidification on which the Community adopted specific conclusions. The

Council, moreover, held detailed discussions on the approach to be adopted for a Community water policy.

With regard to flora and fauna, after four years of discussions the Council reached a common position on the proposal for a Regulation laying down provisions with regard to possession of, and trade in specimens of species of wild flora and fauna. Those provisions are intended to ensure better implementation of the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The Regulation amending the Regulation establishing a Financial Instrument for the Environment (LIFE — 1996-99), on which the Council adopted a common position, will enable the European Community to promote measures to protect the environment and nature in the European Union, as well as in certain Mediterranean and Baltic third countries.

The Council also adopted a Directive on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic excavators, rope-operated excavators, bulldozers, loaders and excavator-loaders.

With regard to interinstitutional relations, it should be emphasized that in 1995, due to a change in the main objective of the texts during the discussions, the Council suggested to the Parliament a change in the legal basis replacing the co-decision procedure by the cooperation procedure for three proposals (landfill of waste, disposal of PCB/PCT and trade in wild flora and fauna). Those changes were accepted by the Parliament, which enabled the Council to adopt common positions concerning the proposal for a Directive on the landfill of waste and the proposal for a Directive on the disposal of PCB and PCT.

11. Energy

1995 was essentially marked by proceedings with a view to establishing the internal energy market in electricity and by the continuation of activities aimed at setting up trans-European electricity and natural gas networks.

In the field of energy efficiency, the Council reached agreement on the substance of the common position on a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council in the field of energy efficiency requirements for household refrigerators.

In the light of the Green Paper from the Commission entitled 'For a European Union energy policy', the Council adopted a major Resolution in this context. On that basis, the Commission submitted to the Council a White Paper containing reflections on Community energy policy guidelines.

With regard to external relations in the field of energy, the Council adopted a position on the progress of proceedings on the Energy Charter, particularly those concerning the second Charter Treaty for the protection of investments at the pre-investment stage.

The Council continued its legislative proceedings with a view to maintaining a high level of protection against radiation in the European Union. In this context, it adopted a Regulation extending until 2000 the provisions concerning the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station. Moreover, substantive agreement was reached on updating the Directive laying down the basic safety standards for the protection of the health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionizing radiation.

The European Atomic Energy Community's bilateral and multilateral relations were strengthened. The Council adopted a Decision approving the signing by the Commission of a new nuclear cooperation agreement with the United States to replace the existing agreement, which expired at the end of 1995.

The Council also adopted negotiating directives concerning agreements in the fields of thermonuclear fusion and nuclear safety with Kazakhstan and Ukraine and negotiating directives for an agreement for cooperation with Argentina on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

12. Civil protection

In the context of point (t) of Article 3 of the EC Treaty, which mentions the possibility of adopting measures in the sphere of civil protection, the Council received a proposal for a Decision establishing a Community action programme in the field of civil protection, which it has started examining.

J. Justice and home affairs

Further to the request made by the European Council in Brussels, the Council submitted for the second time a report on achievements in the field of justice and home affairs in 1995.

At a general level, the Council held a discussion on the structure and operation of the third pillar and identified a number of adjustments which could improve efficiency in the short term. Adoption by the Council of a document entitled

'Better use of the instruments in Title VI of the Treaty on European Union' contributed to improving the operation of the third pillar.

The Council formally adopted a joint action defining measures which could be financed on the basis of Article K.8 of the Treaty on European Union out of the appropriation of ECU 5.2 million in the 1995 budget and defined in a Decision the criteria governing eligibility and the procedure for the selection of projects.

Pursuant to Article K.6 of the Treaty on European Union, the French and Spanish Presidencies ensured that the European Parliament was regularly informed of proceedings under the third pillar and consulted on a number of subjects.

Efforts were made to achieve greater transparency of proceedings under Title VI. The Council therefore adopted a Decision concerning publications of acts in the field of asylum and immigration providing for publication of a series of earlier decisions. At that meeting the Council agreed on a statement stipulating that acts adopted in this area in the future would in principle be published. The Council also held a public discussion on the draft Convention on matrimonial matters (Brussels II) at its meeting on 25 September 1995.

In the field of relations with third countries, a structured dialogue was initiated with the applicant countries such as the CCEE, Cyprus and Malta, comprising two meetings with CCEE Ministers and one with the Ministers of Cyprus and Malta. A major part of the actions resulting from the new Transatlantic agenda signed on 3 December 1995 concerns cooperation in combating organized crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, immigration, asylum and judicial cooperation. The declaration adopted in Barcelona at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference likewise provides for actions in particular to combat illegal immigration (readmission clauses), terrorism and drug abuse. At ministerial level, Troika meetings were held with the United States, Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Morocco and the Andean Group.

1. Asylum and immigration

The Council agreed to a Resolution concerning minimum guarantees to be offered by asylum procedures and agreed in principle to a common position concerning harmonized application of the definition of refugee within the meaning of Article 1A of the Geneva Convention — a subject to which, given its complexity, Council bodies have devoted their attention for several years. Progress was also made with regard to ratification of the Dublin Convention on determining the State responsible for examining applications for asylum lodged in one of the Member States of the European Communities.

With regard to admission, the Council formally adopted a Resolution on burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of displaced persons on a temporary basis and agreed in principle to a Decision on an alert and emergency procedure for burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of displaced persons on a temporary basis, which supplements the above Resolution. It also agreed in principle to a Resolution on the status of third-country nationals residing on a long-term basis in the territory of the Member States of the European Union and to a Decision on monitoring the implementation of texts concerning admission adopted by the Council.

With regard to expulsion, a recommendation on the guiding principles to be followed in drawing up protocols on the implementation of readmission agreements was formally adopted by the Council and it agreed in principle to two recommendations, one on harmonizing means of combating illegal immigration and illegal employment and improving the relevant means of control and the other on concerted action and cooperation in carrying out expulsion measures.

The Council also agreed in principle to readmission clauses which may be included where appropriate in joint agreements which may be concluded by the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and third countries, of the other part.

With regard to visas, the Council formally adopted the Regulation laying down a uniform format for visas and a Regulation determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States. The Council also reached agreement in principle on a joint action on airport transit arrangements. It also agreed in principle to a recommendation concerning local consular cooperation regarding visas.

2. Police and customs cooperation

The major event in police and customs cooperation was the adoption of the Council act establishing the Convention based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention), intended to facilitate the exchange of information between the police forces of the Member States of the Union and to analyse crime, its objective being to prevent and combat terrorism, drug trafficking and other serious forms of international crime where there are factual indications that an organized criminal structure is involved and that two or more Member States are affected.

The European Council recommended that every effort be made formally to adopt and implement that Convention at the earliest opportunity after ratifica-

tion by national parliaments. It agreed to settle the question of any powers to be allocated to the Court of Justice of the European Communities at its June 1996 meeting at the latest. Meanwhile, the Council agreed in principle to the draft rules of procedure of the Management Board.

The Council also adopted a Resolution on the international specifications concerning the lawful interception of telecommunications. On 23 November 1995 the 15 Member States and Norway signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the lawful interception of telecommunications which remains open for signature by other third countries, in particular the members of the Quantico Group (United States, Australia, Canada and Hong Kong).

On 26 July 1995 the Council adopted the act establishing the Convention concerning the use of information technology for customs purposes (CIS Convention), which was signed the same day by the Union Member States. The Customs Information System is designed to help prevent, identify and prosecute serious violations of national legislation by establishing a system of rapid information exchange to make customs cooperation and monitoring procedures more efficient. This national legislation covers, *inter alia*, illegal drug trafficking and prohibitions or restrictions on the import, export or transit of goods referred to in Articles 36 and 223 of the EC Treaty.

With a view to combating customs fraud and drug trafficking, the Council decided to carry out joint customs inspection operations at the external frontiers of Member States of the Union. As part of the measures for greater security at external borders, the customs authorities have for several years conducted a number of operations to inspect air passengers and air freight, as well as a temporary operation to inspect shipping.

The assessment of the external and internal threat posed by terrorism to the Member States of the Union was given six-monthly examination. The Council emphasized the importance of cooperation between the Member States for combating terrorism. The Council conclusions of 25 September 1995 and the La Gomera Declaration on terrorism adopted on 23 November 1995 express the Council's firm resolve to step up operational anti-terrorist measures.

A report on drugs was submitted to the European Council in Madrid providing for detailed measures for controls at external frontiers and within the Union, combating money laundering, preventing the diversion of precursors, training and judicial cooperation. By means of a joint action, the Council confirmed and extended the terms of reference of the Europol Drugs Unit (EDU) with a view to including illicit trafficking in drugs and nuclear and radioactive substances, illegal immigration networks and illicit trafficking in motor vehicles, including the criminal organizations involved and associated money-laundering activities.

Agreements on precursors within the framework of the Treaty on European Union were signed in Madrid on 18 December 1995 between the European Community and the five Andean Pact countries. These agreements will also boost the strategy for anti-drug cooperation between the European Union and Latin America.

With regard to organized crime, when adopting reports covering 1993 and 1994 respectively, the Council pointed out that organized crime was a threat to all the countries of the European Union which would affect the normal operation of economic, political and social institutions, and concluded that it was necessary to step up operational measures.

3. Judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters

With regard to criminal matters, the Council adopted an act aimed at drawing up a Convention on simplified extradition procedure between the Member States of the European Union in order to facilitate proceedings where the person claimed consents. The Member States signed the Convention on the same day. The Convention on the Protection of the European Communities' Financial Interests was also drawn up by the Council and signed by the Representatives of the Member States.

Taking account of the conclusions of the European Council in Cannes and the report from the Consultative Commission on Racism and Xenophobia, certain measures to be taken to combat racism and xenophobia were proposed within Council meetings (Justice and Home Affairs, Labour and Social Affairs, and Education and the Consultative Commission). The European Council in Madrid was informed of the results achieved within the various Council bodies concerning this strategy and requested that a joint action be adopted concerning action to combat racism and xenophobia, in the light of, amongst other things, the study of national legislation on the subject, in order to facilitate international judicial cooperation in combating racism and xenophobia.

In the context of combating international organized crime, the Council adopted a Resolution on the protection of witnesses and a programme of action aimed at establishing cooperation with the associated countries in combating this form of crime.

With regard to judicial cooperation in civil matters, the Council instructed the appropriate bodies to continue discussions on a draft Convention on Jurisdiction, Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments Relating to the Invalidity of a Marriage, Divorce and Legal Separation (Brussels II), providing for inclusion in the scope of the Convention of the exercise of parental authority over the children of both spouses at the time of the dissolution of the marriage. The

Council also agreed to a joint approach with regard to the drafting of a Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters within the framework of the Hague Conference. The Council also gave the appropriate forums all latitude to draw up a Convention on the Simplified Service of Court Documents.

On the basis of Article 220 of the EC Treaty and in connection with the measures for achieving the internal market, the Convention on Insolvency Proceedings was opened for signature on 23 November 1995.

Finally, draft Conventions enabling the three new Member States to accede to the 1968 Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments and the 1980 Rome Convention on the Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations will be examined shortly.

II. External policies

A. Pre-accession strategy

At its meetings in Cannes and Madrid, the European Council confirmed that accession negotiations for Malta and Cyprus would begin six months after the completion of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, taking into account the outcome of the Conference. The Madrid European Council expressed the hope that the first phase of the negotiations with the CCEE would coincide with the start of negotiations with Cyprus and Malta.

For the CCEE, the European Council confirmed the need to make proper preparations for enlargement on the basis of the criteria established in Copenhagen and under the pre-accession strategy set out in Essen. This strategy, which the European Council regards as a contribution to security and stability in Europe, will have to be intensified in order to create conditions for the gradual, smooth integration of those countries, in particular through the development of a market economy, democracy, human rights, building a society based on the rule of law, respect for and protection of minorities, the adjustment of their administrative structures and the creation of a stable economic and monetary environment.

Taking note of the Commission reports on the impact of enlargement on European Union policies, on alternative strategies in agriculture and on the development of the pre-accession strategy for the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the European Council asked the Commission to amplify its assessment of the impact of enlargement on Community policies, particularly as regards agricultural policy and structural policies. The European Council would continue its appraisal at forthcoming meetings on the basis of Commission reports.

A number of countries of central and eastern Europe submitted their applications for membership of the European Union in 1995, in addition to Hungary and Poland, which had lodged their applications in 1994. The Council decided, on 17 July for Romania and Slovakia, on 30 October for Latvia and on 4 December for Estonia, to set in motion the procedures laid down by Article O of the Treaty on European Union, which requires consultation of the Commission and the assent of the European Parliament. Bulgaria and Lithuania then also submitted their membership applications at the European Council meeting in Madrid.

The European Council asked the Commission to press ahead with preparation of its opinions on the applications submitted, with a view to forwarding them to the Council as soon as possible after the completion of the Intergovernmental Conference, and to begin preparing a comprehensive document on enlargement. This procedure ensures equal treatment for all applicant countries.

After the completion of the Intergovernmental Conference and in the light of its outcome and of the Commission reports and opinions referred to above, the Council will at the earliest opportunity take the decisions required for the opening of accession negotiations.

B. Common foreign and security policy

In 1995 common foreign and security policy (CFSP) was able to put greater focus on topics of common interest, with a view to adopting joint action, since organizational matters, including the relationship between European Union institutions and the Western European Union, had been resolved the previous year and a *modus operandi* had been arrived at on financing. The accession of three new Member States lent EU foreign policy a further dimension.

In terms of activities, nine joint actions were decided on (three of them to supplement and two to amend actions undertaken the year before or even, in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina, upon entry into force of the Treaty in the last quarter of 1993). Thirteen common positions were adopted (five of them supplementing or extending positions determined in 1994).

With regard to the CFSP's operation and methods, the Council adopted, on 12 June, a document on the Council's working methods and the Union's external relations which contains proposals for improvements.

1. Human rights

Respect for and protection of human rights remain the foundation of Union policy, both within the Union and in its dealings with the other countries of the world.

In accordance with the development cooperation objectives of the EC Treaty and the provisions of Title V of the Treaty on European Union, the Union has continued its policy in pursuance of universal observance of human rights, consolidation of democracy and the rule of law. Pointing to the importance, across the Union, of combating racism and xenophobia, the European Council

in Cannes welcomed the work carried out by Council bodies and by the Consultative Commission set up by the European Council in 1994, in Corfu. It asked that Commission to continue its work in order to consider, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the feasibility of a European monitoring centre on racism and xenophobia.

Establishing human rights as a major plank in its common foreign and security policy, the Union continued its action directed at countries in which serious breaches of democratic principles and human rights persist. For that purpose, firstly, it made confidential representations and published declarations condemning such practices and, secondly, in some cases combined those responses with measures such as amendment of the content of cooperation programmes, postponement of signings required for the implementation of agreements or cooperation programmes and even suspension of cooperation, while seeing to it that the population of the country concerned did not suffer as a result. The Council accordingly adopted conclusions concerning human rights clauses in Community agreements with non-member countries. The suspension mechanism approved in this way forms a corollary to the Union's policy and practice.

The Union also showed the importance which it attaches to observance of human rights and democratic principles by contributing to the proceedings of the relevant international organizations and forums and calling for an increase in the resources earmarked by the UN for protection of human rights. In addition, the Union has striven in its contractual relations with other States for recognition of the principle of social development and in particular the promotion of basic social rights.

2. Security

The Council embarked upon consideration of the new European security architecture with the aim of ensuring that the development of that architecture strengthens peace, stability and security throughout the continent and that, with that end in view, the institutions with responsibility for security are mutually reinforcing. In this connection the involvement of the countries of central and eastern Europe with CFSP activities, including security matters, is a factor making for their integration into that new European security architecture. The same is true of the Union's active contribution to the OSCE exercise on a common and comprehensive security model for Europe in the 21st century.

Throughout the year, Member States continued to engage in regular consultation in order to ensure consistency and unity in the presentation of their positions and in the conduct of Union activities on the international stage.

The basic aim of the Union's joint action, adopted by the Council ahead of the Conference of States parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, was achieved with the adoption by the Conference of the decision to extend the Treaty indefinitely. The Union also committed itself to the conclusion, by June 1996, of a comprehensive nuclear test-ban treaty and a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons.

In preparation for the Conference to review the 1980 Convention on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons, commonly referred to as 'inhuman' weapons, the Council adopted a joint action concerning anti-personnel mines. In the same connection the Council also adopted a common position concerning blinding laser weapons.

In accordance with the conclusions of the Brussels European Council of 29 October 1993 and in full compliance with the provisions of the Treaty, the Union continued to cooperate closely with the WEU in a number of appropriate areas.

Amendments were made to the integrated system for the control of exports of dual-use goods, adopted in 1994, in order to defer the date of introduction of the system until 1 July and also to make allowance for the Union's enlargement to take in Austria, Finland and Sweden and for New Zealand's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. On 4 December the Council reached agreement in principle on the updating of the arrangements established in 1994.

3. Political dialogue

Political dialogue has been stepped up and expanded under the CFSP in order to increase the Union's presence and influence in relation to its outside partners. The inclusion of a political component in an increasing number of agreements concluded or under negotiation with countries or groups of countries has turned political dialogue into one of the main instruments for putting into practice the guidelines and strategies established under the CFSP.

The 'structured dialogue' with the CCEE, also embracing Cyprus and Malta, is more of a pre-accession and association strategy than a political dialogue proper. In 1995 the Union maintained institutionalized political dialogues with a number of countries from all continents, with regional organizations and also under the auspices of a number of Association Councils. Such dialogue operates on a number of levels (summits, ministerial meetings, meetings of political directors and working parties).

4. International organizations and conferences

United Nations

The Union played an active part in the various aspects of consideration of the future of the United Nations, an exercise marking the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Charter. In Cannes, the European Council, firstly, solemnly reaffirmed the Union's attachment to the aims and principles of the Charter and again pledged its commitment to serve the ideals and action of the United Nations and, secondly, pointed to the willingness of the Union, which is far and away the prime financial contributor, the prime supplier of troops for peace-keeping operations and the prime donor of multilateral development aid and humanitarian aid, to maintain its support for the organization.

At the 50th United Nations General Assembly, the President-in-Office of the Council in particular reiterated the Union's commitment to United Nations peace-keeping activities and highlighted the need to improve coordination between the United Nations and regional organizations. On the Union's behalf, he called on the United Nations and its Member States to continue and step up the reform programme under way, particularly with the aim of more appropriately tailored UN structures and institutions. Lastly, he expressed concern at the serious financial crisis affecting the UN and urged all of its Member States to honour their financial obligations in full, on time and unconditionally.

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

On the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Helsinki Final Act, the Union published a declaration reaffirming its belief that the OSCE, bringing together all European States plus the USA and Canada, is the only organization in a position to play an important role in the establishment of a united, stable and secure Europe. In Madrid, the European Council restated the Union's intention of making an active contribution to the strengthening of the OSCE.

In implementation of the decisions taken at the Budapest Summit, which converted the CSCE into an Organization, the Union played an active part in the proceedings of the Permanent Council and other OSCE bodies. In order to contribute to the strengthening of collective security in Europe on the basis of OSCE principles, the Union made a major contribution to the drawing-up of a common and comprehensive security model for Europe in the 21st century. The OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Budapest on 7 and 8 December saw the decision to establish an OSCE mission for peace, democracy and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, under the Dayton agreement concerning elections, human rights monitoring, arms control and confidence-building and security measures in former Yugoslavia.

As part of preventive diplomacy and peace-keeping, the Union supported in particular the OSCE's efforts in the Chechen crisis, the negotiations on Nagorno-Karabakh in the Minsk Group and the organization's preventive diplomacy missions.

Stability Pact

The Stability Pact, the Union's first exercise in preventive diplomacy, was concluded at the Conference on Stability in Europe, attended by 52 countries in Paris on 20 and 21 March 1995. That Conference also marked the completion of a set of negotiations structured on the basis of two round tables, one for the Baltic region and another for the other central and eastern European countries. Meeting seven times, chaired by the Union, those two round tables considered issues relating to borders and minorities as well as to regional economic cooperation.

The Stability Pact, comprising a political declaration and a list of bilateral agreements and arrangements, was submitted, at the Paris Conference held under Union auspices, to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which is to monitor it with the Union's active support.

C. Former Yugoslavia

The Union has played a major role, commensurate with its interests in the region and its contribution to humanitarian aid; for some ECU 1 600 million (including Member States' bilateral contributions of which the Commission is aware), ECU 1 070 million of this in ECHO-funded projects and programmes, the Union has on its own put up 66% of all the assistance supplied by the international community since the beginning of the crisis.

The Union has also made a crucial contribution to the efforts of the international community, particularly for the purposes of harnessing all initiatives, under United Nations auspices, in liaison with the USA and the Russian Federation and via the Contact Group, aimed at a political settlement of the crisis.

Looking to the longer term, the Union wishes to establish lasting relations with the countries of the region once the conditions laid down in the Council conclusions of 30 October 1995 permit, and conclude with them agreements forming part of a regional approach. Before the agreements are concluded, there should be a clear analysis of all the problems affecting the Union's relations with the region and with each of the countries, and the relevant possibilities. Such agreements should include clear political and economic conditions, in

particular respect for human and minority rights, the right of displaced persons and refugees to return, democratic institutions, implementation of political and economic reforms, willingness by such countries to establish between them open relations based on cooperation, full compliance with the clauses of the peace agreement and, in the case of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), extensive autonomy for Kosovo within it.

With regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Union continued implementing the joint action of 8 November 1993 on humanitarian aid. In order to avoid any risk of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina escalating and spreading throughout the region, the Union also maintained its opposition to any lifting of the arms embargo. For the time being, the Administration of Mostar made an effective contribution to its reconstruction. In the course of the peace talks in the United States, the Union, represented by Mr Carl Bildt, reaffirmed its interest in the constitutional framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina and in territorial arrangements as prior issues for the establishment of lasting relations between the Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The agreements initialled in Dayton on 21 November and signed in Paris on 14 December bore out the line taken by the Union, whose contribution to international efforts has consistently been aimed at a just and lasting solution to the crisis in former Yugoslavia. The Union has continued to play a key role at several international conferences signalling the start of a delicate stage of peace-making and reconstruction in the region.

The Union adopted a joint action concerning its participation in the structures to implement the peace agreement for Bosnia and Herzegovina, providing in particular for up to ECU 10 million as the Union's contribution to operating expenses for the High Representative's mission, as part of equitable burden-sharing with other donors. Teams from the ECMM (European Community Monitoring Mission) have accordingly been assigned to take part in activities by the OSCE electoral mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as the Union's contribution to the success of the electoral process in that Republic.

In the case of Croatia, in the light of the positive developments in the spring, particularly as regards the continued presence of United Nations forces, the Council authorized the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of a trade and cooperation agreement together with a financial protocol and a transport agreement and approved the extension of the PHARE programme to Croatia. On a number of occasions the Union voiced concern at the worsening situation on the ground following military operations by the Croatian authorities in the Krajina region and attacks by the Serbs against the Croatian capital and the Bihac pocket. On 4 August, on account of developments in the military situation in the Krajina region, the Union decided to suspend the negotiations in question as well as activities under the PHARE programme. Being particularly concerned at the influx of refugees following the military offensive in the Krajina region,

the Union demanded that Croatia respect in full the human rights of the remaining Serb population groups and that the Croatian authorities take all measures necessary to allow and facilitate the voluntary return of refugees in dignity and safety.

As regards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), the Union called in the Council conclusions of 30/31 October for immediate respect for human rights in Kosovo and the granting of extensive autonomy for Kosovo within the FRY and for minority rights in Vojvodina and Sandzak in particular.

In accordance with United Nations Resolutions suspending some limited sanctions imposed on the FRY (Serbia and Montenegro), the Union adopted three common positions concerning the extension of that suspension. Under the Resolution allowing the export to the FRY of supplies needed to repair locks on the north bank of the Danube, the Union adopted a common position concerning the suspension of trade restrictions in respect of such supplies.

The European Union noted with approval the interim agreement reached in New York on 13 September between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) inasmuch as that agreement should contribute to stability in the region and help its economic development. The Council therefore authorized the Commission to negotiate with the FYROM a trade and cooperation agreement similar to the existing trade and cooperation agreement with Slovenia and the proposed trade and cooperation agreement with Croatia. It confirmed its consent to the FYROM's eligibility for the PHARE programme.

D. European Economic Area — relations with the EFTA States

Following the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the European Union and the entry into force of the Agreement on the EEA for Liechtenstein, the European Economic Area (EEA) now comprises the 15 Member States of the European Union, plus Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.

Developments in connection with the enlargement of the European Union provided the Union and EFTA with an opportunity to flesh out further the framework for future cooperation between them in the EEA. The Union and EFTA took the view that the main aim of future cooperation between them should be to ensure that the Agreement on the European Economic Area continues to operate effectively and to provide a basis for dynamic, homogeneous relations between the European Union and the EFTA States forming part of the EEA. Both sides also agreed to step up political dialogue between them,

under the Agreement on the EEA, as regards foreign policy issues of mutual interest.

In 1995 the EEA Council held its third and fourth meetings. At those meetings it assessed the overall operation and the development of the Agreement on the EEA and looked into a number of specific issues such as the cumulation of origin rules in Europe.

The accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the European Union, coupled with the implementation of the agricultural agreements concluded in the Uruguay Round of multilateral negotiations, made it necessary to adjust the trade agreements concluded by Iceland, Norway and Switzerland with the Community. The relevant negotiations were successfully completed as regards agricultural products and fishery products. For processed agricultural products, however, negotiations will have to continue into 1996.

The European Union's relations with Switzerland in 1995 were marked in particular by the ongoing negotiations which the European Union decided to hold with Switzerland for the conclusion of new bilateral agreements on freedom of movement of persons, on research and technological development, on agriculture, on mutual recognition of conformity assessment, on public procurement and on inland and air transport. The negotiations form part of the policy established by the Council following Switzerland's decision in December 1992 not to join the European Economic Area.

E. Associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe, including the Baltic States (CCEE) and Slovenia

One of the noteworthy features of 1995 was the implementation of the strategy to prepare the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) for accession, a strategy mapped out by the European Council in Essen. That strategy covers the countries which have signed Europe Association Agreements with the Union: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, with the addition as from June 1995 of the three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania).

A key instrument in that strategy is the introduction between the associated CCEE and the Union of a 'structured dialogue' designed to foster mutual

confidence by establishing a consultative framework for consideration of matters of common interest. This process, clearly demonstrated by the invitation to the Heads of State or Government of the associated countries to be present on the occasion of the European Council meetings in Cannes and Madrid, took practical shape in 1995 with the holding of a number of joint sectoral meetings at ministerial level.

In Cannes, the European Council reached agreement on the appropriations to be set aside over the period 1995-99 for financial cooperation with the countries of central and eastern Europe. The total set for that period amounts to ECU 6 693 million.

In response to the call issued by the European Council in Essen, the Commission drew up a White Paper on the integration of those countries into the internal market, which was submitted to the European Council in Cannes. Without anticipating or pre-empting future membership negotiations, the White Paper is intended to guide and assist the associated countries in their efforts to integrate with the internal market. In Madrid, the European Council took cognizance of two Commission reports on progress in implementing the pre-accession strategy and on the various possible strategies for building on relations between the Union and the associated countries in agriculture with accession in prospect.

The Council also authorized the Commission to negotiate with the six associated CCEE adjustments to the Europe Agreements following Union enlargement and implementation of the outcome of the Uruguay Round. It established additional negotiating directives aimed at improving trade relations in the case of trade in agricultural products and processed agricultural products. Pending the completion of negotiations, autonomous measures were taken so as not to disrupt traditional trade flows.

On 1 February 1995 the Europe Association Agreements with Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia entered into force; these Agreements come on top of those with Hungary and Poland, already in force since 1 February 1994. In 1995 the institutional framework under the first six Europe Agreements was fully established. A meeting of each of the six Association Councils, forming the association's highest body, was held in 1995. The Association Committees, responsible for preparing for the Councils' discussions and maintaining continuity in association relations, and the Parliamentary Association Committees, providing a forum for dialogue between Members of the European Parliament and members of the associated CCEE national parliaments, also met.

At each of those meetings, besides an overview of the state of and prospects for bilateral relations under the Europe Agreement, the Association Council spent a substantial part of its proceedings discussing two matters of particular importance. The four Councils meeting for the first time (Bulgaria, the Czech

Republic, Romania and Slovakia) adopted their rules of procedure as well as those of the Association Committees.

The Association Councils also took a number of decisions, under the powers conferred on them by the Europe Agreements, bringing progress in bilateral relations. In this way the Association Council with Hungary took a decision to amend Protocol No 4 to the Europe Agreement, concerning the rules of origin. It should also be noted that, at the Association Council meeting with Poland, it was established that, for the first time in order to settle a trade dispute between the two sides, use would be made of the arbitration procedure under the Europe Agreement.

In relations with the three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), the event of the year was the signing on 12 June of the Europe Agreements with those three countries. Pending completion of the ratification procedures since initiated by the parties, contractual relations between the Community and those three countries are governed by the agreements liberalizing trade and introducing accompanying measures (free-trade agreements) which came into force on 1 January 1995.

It should be pointed out that, in Madrid, having taken note of a Commission report on the present state of and prospects for cooperation in the Baltic Sea region, the European Council asked the Commission to prepare a suitable regional cooperation initiative and present it to the Heads of State or Government on the Baltic Sea Council at their Conference in Visby on 3 and 4 May 1996 and then report back to the European Council meeting in Florence.

On relations between the Union and Slovenia, the Council decided to authorize the Commission to open negotiations and adopted negotiating directives for a Europe Association Agreement to replace the 1993 Cooperation Agreement. Although the negotiations culminated in the initialling of texts by the negotiators, it did not prove possible to sign the Agreement.

At its meetings in Cannes and Madrid, pointing to the need to harmonize Slovenia's property legislation with Community rules, as envisaged in the statement entered in the Council minutes when the negotiating directives in question were adopted on 6 March 1995, the European Council hoped that the Association Agreement with Slovenia could be signed as soon as possible.

F. Eastern Europe and central Asia

The strengthening of the Union's relations with Russia and the other successor States to the former USSR forged ahead. The general framework is formed by

the Partnership and Cooperation Agreements which the Union has set out to negotiate and conclude in principle with these States. After signing such Agreements with Ukraine, Russia and Moldova in 1994, the Union expanded its contractual relations by signing similar Agreements with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Belarus in 1995. The Interim Agreements with Russia and Ukraine, which give effect to the trade provisions of the Partnership Agreements straight away, pending completion of national ratification procedures, were intended to come into force before 1 February 1996.

In terms of assistance, the Community continued its efforts on behalf of the republics of the former USSR. A new food aid operation was decided on for people in the Caucasus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan of a value of up to ECU 197 million. The Council also granted balance-of-payments credit to Belarus for the first time and a further balance-of-payments credit to Ukraine. Lastly, in view of the expiry on 31 December 1995 of the Regulation on the TACIS programme, the Council confirmed the Union's willingness to continue with assistance to the former USSR under that programme for a further period. In Madrid, the European Council pointed to the importance of the new TACIS Regulation being adopted early in 1996.

Over the first half of the year, the Union's relations with Russia were overshadowed by the crisis in Chechnya, prompting the Union to make repeated representations and declarations expressing its concern at human rights violations and the intensity of the fighting. The Union also took the view that, under the circumstances, the signing of an interim agreement with Russia was untimely. The improvement in the situation was deemed sufficient, at the European Council meeting in Cannes, for the signing to be contemplated and it took place in Brussels on 17 July.

More generally, in Cannes, the European Council confirmed the importance attached by the Union to the development of its relations with Russia, a country regarded as crucial for the stability of the European continent, and its wish to establish a substantial partnership with Russia. With that in mind, the Council identified the bases on which to frame a Union strategy towards Russia and adopted conclusions concerning that strategy, determining the components of a common approach to be embodied in an action plan involving specific measures. In Madrid, the European Council took the view that the holding of parliamentary elections on 17 December set the seal on the consolidation of democratic principles in Russia.

With regard to Ukraine, the Union endeavoured to implement the objectives set out in its common position of 28 November 1994. The Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters was accordingly signed by both sides. While welcoming the progress of economic reform in Ukraine and the decision to grant it the first instalment of a balance-of-payments loan for 1995, in Cannes the European Council pointed to the link between the continuation of that policy

and the implementation of Ukraine's decision to shut down the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in 1999. In Madrid, the European Council welcomed Ukraine's accession to the Council of Europe.

The main highlight of the Union's relations with Belarus was the signing of a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement. As in the case of the other Republics close to the Union, i.e. Ukraine, Russia and Moldova, it is envisaged that, when the time is ripe, consideration may be given to the establishment of a free-trade area.

The Council carried out an overall appraisal of the situation obtaining in the various successor republics to the former USSR in order to adjust the Union's general approach to the specific features of each of them. The Council accordingly authorized the opening of negotiations with Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan for Partnership and Cooperation Agreements on the basis of the existing general negotiating directives. Negotiations with the Caucasus countries culminated in the initialling of Partnership and Cooperation Agreements with Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the content of which is based on those signed with Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan in 1995. The Council also asked the Commission to hold exploratory talks with Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan and to report back to it.

The Union monitored developments in the democratic reform process in the Central Asian and Southern Caucasian States, in particular by sending observers for elections in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

G. South-east Europe

The line taken by the European Council at its meetings in Corfu and Essen, confirming that the next round of Union enlargement would include Cyprus and Malta, was spelt out in more detail at its meetings in Cannes and Madrid, viz. that the negotiations for the accession of these two countries would commence, on the basis of the Commission proposals, six months after the conclusion of the 1996 Intergovernmental Conference, and take account of the results. The Council had previously agreed to a timetable and to the establishment of a structured dialogue with each country in the framework of the pre-accession strategy.

Under the structured dialogue established with Cyprus and Malta, several meetings were held at various levels. The Heads of State or of Government of both countries met the European Council in Cannes and in Madrid, while the

Union's Ministers for Foreign Affairs held a first full meeting with their counterparts from Cyprus and Malta in Brussels on 21 November.

In view of the status quo in Cyprus, which it considered unacceptable, the Union reaffirmed its support on a number of occasions for a comprehensive settlement of the Cypriot question in accordance with Security Council Resolutions and on the basis of the idea of a bi-community, bi-zonal Cypriot federation.

The Union's relations with Turkey were marked by the culmination of the process leading up to the entry into force on 31 December 1995 of a customs union between the Union and Turkey. This result was facilitated by the significant step towards greater democracy taken by constitutional reform in Turkey with a view to establishing a system fully consistent with respect for human rights and the rule of law. The Union restated on several occasions its position that the problems in south-eastern Turkey should not be approached as being basically a security issue and were accordingly not amenable to a purely military solution.

The Association Council meeting in Luxembourg on 30 October stated that the technical conditions for the proper functioning of the customs union were fulfilled and that from a technical viewpoint there was nothing to prevent the entry into force of the customs union on 31 December 1995. At that meeting, the Union pointed to the importance attached by it to the continuation of the democratic reform process under way and to the fact that the introduction of the customs union was subject to the European Parliament's assent. In this connection, in Madrid, the European Council welcomed the assent given by the European Parliament on 13 December, allowing the final stage of the customs union with Turkey to come into force on 31 December 1995, as well as the arrangements for stepping up political dialogue and institutional cooperation.

A free-trade agreement was also concluded with Turkey for ECSC products, rounding off the customs union established for EC products. As regards financial cooperation, subject to the European Parliament's opinion, the Council recorded political agreement on a draft Regulation regarding the implementation of a special financial cooperation measure for Turkey. It was also decided that Turkey should benefit directly from the substantial aid from the EIB and from EIB budgetary resources and loans which would be granted to the Mediterranean countries in general.

In support of the political and economic reform process in Albania, on 10 April the Council released the second instalment (ECU 20 million) of the macro-financial assistance first supplied on 28 November 1994 (ECU 15 million). In view of Albania's progress on human rights, the Council also came out in favour of continuing such macro-financial assistance.

H. Transatlantic relations

Under the 1990 Transatlantic Declaration, two European Union-United States summits were held this year, in Washington on 14 June and in Madrid on 3 December. At the December summit, the Union and the USA signed a New Transatlantic Agenda and a joint EU-United States Action Plan, based on a framework for action with four main objectives: promoting peace and stability, democracy and development in the world, rising to global challenges, contributing to the expansion of world trade and the establishment of closer economic relations, and building bridges across the Atlantic. This Joint EU-US Action Plan details some 120 areas for bilateral cooperation and envisages, *inter alia*, a new bilateral technological cooperation agreement in two years' time.

The Council adopted two Decisions concluding a new Euratom-US Agreement on nuclear cooperation and an EC-US Agreement on competition. Lastly, an Agreement establishing a cooperation programme for higher and vocational education and training was signed.

A transatlantic business dialogue between the two sides was inaugurated at a meeting in Seville, at which initiatives were put forward to facilitate transatlantic trade and investment.

I. Euro-Mediterranean partnership — the Mashreq and Maghreb

In Cannes, the European Council fleshed out the strategy established at its meetings in Corfu and Essen for the development of the Union's relations with the 12 Mediterranean countries and went on to set the Barcelona Conference the target of laying the foundations for a new, ambitious Euro-Mediterranean partnership, involving political and security partnership, economic and financial partnership and partnership in social and human matters. In addition, it agreed to the breakdown arrived at in the Council for appropriations over the period 1995-99 for financial cooperation with Mediterranean countries, worth a total of ECU 4 685 million.

Inaugurating the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, the Barcelona Conference, meeting at ministerial level on 27 and 28 November, adopted a political declaration establishing a number of principles and objectives for each of the three facets of the partnership, together with a work programme.

At the same time, the Union endeavoured to reflect in practice bilaterally the importance attached by it to its ties with Mashreq and Maghreb countries by means of Euro-Mediterranean Agreements, signed with Tunisia on 17 July, with Israel on 20 November and initialled with Morocco on 16 November. Negotiations for similar agreements were opened with Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. At the European Council meeting in Madrid, the European Union also expressed its willingness to enter into negotiations with Algeria swiftly and with Syria as soon as possible.

The European Union further stated its wish to conclude with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip at the earliest opportunity a Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement geared to the special situation of those territories.

The second EC-Lebanon Association Council meeting, held fifteen years after the first one, in 1980, on account of the tragic events in Lebanon, heralded a fresh start in relations between the European Union and Lebanon. The situation in Algeria also remained a source of worry for the Union, which voiced its concern at the European Council meeting in Cannes, again calling on all those involved in political life to put an end to violence and find a political solution through peaceful dialogue and free, indisputable elections, as well as at the fifth meeting of the EC-Algeria Cooperation Council. At the same time, on the basis of these principles, the Union gave its views on certain internal developments in a number of declarations.

J. Middle East peace process — the Gulf and the Middle East

The European Union kept up the active, constructive, even-handed role which it has played since the start of the peace process, contributing to its success with the Union's constant political and material support, while cooperating closely with the regional parties and the participants in the multilateral track as well as with the co-sponsors. In so doing, the Union continued to keep in touch with each stage of the peace process, the most significant in 1995 being the signing in Washington on 28 September of an interim agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) concerning the extension of autonomy to further parts of the West Bank.

In this connection the Council adopted conclusions committing the Union to step up its political and economic support for the West Bank and Gaza and two further decisions under the 1994 joint action to assist the Middle East peace process. Those decisions involve the possibility of contributing, for up to ECU 10 million out of the Community's general budget, to preparations/observers for

the Palestinian elections and also the sending of 300 European observers (30 of them nominated by the European Parliament) and the setting up of a European Union election unit (EUEU) to coordinate both the EU observers and those designated by other countries and organizations at the Palestinian Authority's instigation.

Bilaterally, the Union remains the main donor for the West Bank and Gaza, ahead of Saudi Arabia (ECU 76 million), the USA (ECU 64 million) and Japan (ECU 30 million). In 1995 the Union as a whole (Community budget, EIB and Member States) allocated some ECU 183 million to Palestinian development and covered a significant proportion of the start-up costs and day-to-day expenditure of the Palestinian Authority, in particular for the Palestinian police force.

As part of the multilateral track of the process, the Union continued to bring drive to its chairmanship of the Regional Economic Development Working Group (REDWG) and also played a significant role at the Amman economic summit on 29 and 30 October, aimed at stimulating private-sector awareness of trade and investment opportunities in the region.

The Union's overall policy for regional stability continued to be built upon through differentiated bilateral relations.

A Troika ministerial meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), held in Granada on 20 July, was given over to establishing a strategy for strengthening bilateral relations in the areas of economic and trade relations, scientific and cultural cooperation and political dialogue, together with specific proposals for the purpose. In the wings of the United Nations General Assembly, these proposals were approved at ministerial level.

The 'critical dialogue' between the Union and Iran, established at the European Council meeting in Edinburgh, continued in 1995 at a Troika meeting and at ministerial level in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly. The dialogue provided an opportunity to raise the main topics of concern to the Union, in particular the situation of the author Salman Rushdie, international terrorism, Iranian policies on arms procurement and nuclear cooperation and the situation of minorities in Iran.

With regard to Yemen, the Council's decision to extend the scope of the existing 1984 Cooperation Agreement to the entire territory of the unified Republic of Yemen and the holding of the sixth EU-Yemen Cooperation Committee meeting in Brussels enabled the Union to contribute to the stabilization of Yemen's internal situation.

The Union kept a particularly close watch on Iraq and reaffirmed its commitments as regards full implementation of all relevant United Nations Resolutions.

For similar reasons, the Union took the same attitude towards Libya as regards full implementation of United Nations Resolutions before any lifting of sanctions.

K. Development cooperation

In considering the formulation of guidelines to point the way for future Community development cooperation policy, the Council adopted Resolutions on support for structural adjustment in developing countries and for their regional integration efforts and on research for development. It also adopted conclusions on future Community cooperation with South Africa and, given the importance of enhancing the role of women in developing countries, a Resolution concerning gender issues in development.

In Cannes, the European Council established the value and the financing of the eighth EDF, which totals ECU 13 307 million.

As regards legislation and specifically the legal bases for implementing the appropriations entered in the Community budget, the Council adopted a Regulation concerning action to benefit tropical forests and reached agreement on the text of common positions on aid and food security, humanitarian aid and aid for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The Council extended the current agricultural GSP scheme until 30 June 1996. The special agricultural GSP arrangements for some Central and South American countries were also extended, while the agricultural product coverage of the GSP scheme for South Africa was expanded.

The Community continued to engage in active cooperation with its partners in connection with international commodities agreements and maintained its position as one of the leading players and as a major partner for developing countries. The Community and the Member States signed and ratified the 1995 International Agreement on Cereals. The Community and Representatives of the Member States signed the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. For the International Coffee Agreement, 1994, which finally came into force on 19 May 1995, and the International Cocoa Agreement, 1993, activities focused on day-to-day management within the two organizations set up under them.

1. Relations with the ACP States

Relations between the Union and its 70 ACP partners under the Lomé Convention featured the continuation and completion of negotiations on the

mid-term review of the fourth ACP-EC Convention, signed in December 1989 and concluded for 10 years. The negotiations, opened in May 1994, were completed on 30 June 1995 as a result of agreement at the European Council meeting in Cannes on the second Financial Protocol for the Convention.

The Agreement amending the fourth Lomé Convention was signed in Mauritius on 4 November 1995. The value of the eighth EDF, made up in the main of grants, amounts to ECU 13 307 million, a revision of around 22%, in ecus, compared with the previous EDF. Adding in EIB loans, aggregate Community financial aid under the revised Convention stands at ECU 14 625 million over five years.

The political and institutional side of the Convention has been strengthened, in particular with the inclusion of a suspension clause linked to respect for human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law, which are deemed to form an essential part of the Agreement, and by the introduction of a political dialogue.

The Agreement also includes fresh trade concessions for some agricultural products and relaxes the provisions on rules of origin. Lastly, a Protocol to the Convention to allow Austria, Finland and Sweden to become contracting parties to the Convention was also signed in Mauritius on 4 November 1995. The Council adopted a Decision allowing the provisional application of certain aspects of the revised Convention, in particular the commercial aspects, from 1 January 1996.

Day-to-day matters of implementation of ACP-EC cooperation were kept track of and discussed within joint bodies under the Convention (Council of Ministers, Committee of Ambassadors and ACP-EC Joint Assembly). The Council of the Union adopted a set of measures of interest to the ACP States with particular regard to rum and sugar, under the provisions of the relevant Protocols to the Convention.

2. Relations with the OCT

Cooperation with the overseas countries and territories moved ahead under the 1991 Association Decision. The Council embarked upon a mid-term review of that Decision, enacted for 10 years. It was decided at the European Council meeting in Cannes to raise the share of the eighth EDF for the OCT to ECU 165 million.

L. Africa

The Union directed its political action for sub-Saharan Africa along two main lines. Firstly, the mid-term review of the fourth ACP-EC Convention enabled Lomé IV to be adjusted in the light of political developments since it was signed in 1989 by means of new provisions on respect for human rights, support for the democratic process and the stepping-up of political dialogue.

Secondly, in accordance with the policy guidelines given by the European Council in Copenhagen and again in stronger terms at its meeting in Essen, the Union kept up its efforts to improve African conflict prevention mechanisms. In Cannes, the European Council reaffirmed its confidence in the OAU's ability to play its part for the future of the African continent and on that basis, in Madrid, the European Council approved guidelines concerning preventive diplomacy, conflict resolution and peace-keeping. In the context of political dialogue with the OAU, the Union also paid particular heed to regional initiatives.

A number of African countries, however, still face serious crises, most of them internal in origin, as in the case of Sudan, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Gambia, Zaire and others. By way of its preventive diplomacy in particular, the Union here made substantial, specific contributions directed, at and tailored to, each situation by means of extensive humanitarian aid. Confirming measures taken in 1993, the Council accordingly adopted a common position, which it supplemented to penalize human rights violations committed by Nigeria.

Continuing to be concerned at persistent instability in the Great Lakes region, the Union kept up its efforts at preventive diplomacy under its common positions on Rwanda and Burundi and with humanitarian and emergency aid worth over ECU 500 million, backed up by considerable bilateral aid from Member States.

With regard to South Africa, the Council approved directives for the negotiation of a framework for long-term relations between the Community and the Republic of South Africa, centring on two strands: firstly, a Protocol to the Lomé Convention dealing with the terms and conditions of South Africa's accession to the Convention and, secondly, a bilateral trade and cooperation agreement between the European Community and South Africa. In addition, the Council adopted a common position for a Regulation on development cooperation with South Africa, laying down procedures for implementing the European programme for reconstruction and development in South Africa.

M. Latin America

The Council adopted conclusions on general guidelines for cooperation between the Union and Latin America for 1996-2000 and the Madrid European Council called for swift implementation of these. The political objectives of such future cooperation relate to institutional support and consolidation of democratic processes, with the involvement of civil society and in a context of open regionalism.

With a view to redirecting its institutionalized dialogue with all countries in the region, particularly in order to make allowance for the general spread of democratic processes, the Union carried on its cooperation with member countries of the San José Group (Eleventh Ministerial Conference, in Panama City on 23 February) and the Rio Group (Fifth Ministerial Conference, in Paris on 17 March).

Bilaterally, the Union both continued to strengthen ties with some countries (Mexico and Chile) and with a regional organization (Mercosur) and decided to engage in dialogue with Cuba.

The Union and Mexico accordingly signed a joint solemn declaration on objectives shared by both sides, on the content of a new cooperation agreement and on preparations for negotiations on it. The Union and Chile also signed a joint declaration on political dialogue, designed to supplement a new agreement providing for increased cooperation and eventually the establishment of a political and economic association.

In accordance with the guidance given by the European Council in Essen, an interregional framework cooperation agreement with Mercosur was signed on the occasion of the European Council meeting in Madrid, with the intention of strengthening existing ties between the two sides and preparing for an eventual association between them and with the inclusion for that purpose of a joint declaration on political dialogue.

Lastly, the Council confirmed the Union's desire to step up its relations with Cuba. On the basis of a report from the Troika, in Madrid the European Council deemed it appropriate to carry on a dialogue and cooperation with Cuba with the aim of actively supporting the reform process under way, encouraging respect for human rights and basic freedoms and broadening the scope for private enterprise and the development of civil society. It accordingly asked the Commission to submit draft negotiating directives for a trade and economic cooperation agreement in the first half of 1996, which the Council would consider in the light of developments in the political and economic situation in Cuba.

N. Asia

Against the background of the strategic approach established by the European Council in Essen for a higher-profile policy towards the Asia-Pacific region, ASEAN's proposal for the holding of a Euro-Asian Conference in Bangkok on 1 and 2 March 1996, to bring together for the first time Heads of State or Government from the Union, the ASEAN countries, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, met with a favourable response from the Union in the interests of consolidating a new partnership with Eastern Asia, based on expanded economic relations and greater political dialogue.

The Union's participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum, followed by the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference with the Troika present, also enabled the Union to make a greater contribution to dialogue on political cooperation and security problems in the Asia-Pacific region.

In bilateral relations with Asian countries, new Cooperation Agreements were signed with Vietnam and Nepal in order to establish closer links with those countries and step up cooperation between both sides. The Cooperation Agreement with Sri Lanka came into force on 1 April 1995.

The Union lent fresh impetus to the links built up with China through the adoption by the Council of conclusions on a long-term policy for relations between China and Europe. At the same time, alongside other official bilateral talks, the Union entered into an institutionalized dialogue with China on human rights, which it carried on in particular at the Troika-China ministerial meeting in the wings of the United Nations General Assembly.

As part of an overall strategy for relations with Japan, the Council also adopted conclusions on the next stages in bilateral relations. In those conclusions it welcomed the willingness shown by Japan to play a political role more in keeping with its economic weight and came out in favour in particular of greater political dialogue and improved market access, with the development of bilateral and multilateral negotiations on specific topics.

With regard to the Republic of Korea, alongside the opening of negotiations for a framework trade and cooperation agreement, a joint declaration on political dialogue was drawn up.

Both internationally and bilaterally, the Union kept up its support for the liberalization and democratization efforts under way. As regards Sri Lanka, the Union accordingly called on a number of occasions for a peaceful solution to the internal troubles.

As regards East Timor, the Madrid European Council pledged its support for any appropriate action which could contribute to a just, overall and internationally acceptable solution to this issue and particularly for the mediation efforts being made by the United Nations Secretary-General.

O. Common commercial policy

In the course of an assessment of preferential arrangements, given that the European Union has concluded and is currently negotiating a number of free-trade agreements and bearing in mind obligations regarding free-trade areas under the WTO system, the Council approved conclusions maintaining that in future, before any steps by the Union to establish a free-trade area, the Commission should look into the compatibility of the prospective agreement with WTO rules and the implications of such an agreement for the Union's common policies and for its relations with its main trading partners. The Council also took the view that the Commission should ensure that steps by the Community's main trading partners to create free-trade areas did not harm the European Union's economic and commercial interests and were consistent with WTO rules.

As regards trade policy for textiles, throughout 1995 the Council took a series of decisions, many of them to amend, renew or extend agreements with non-member countries.

In Cannes, the European Council reiterated its keen support for the WTO, set up on 1 January 1995, as the appropriate forum to enforce multilateral rules, openly and without discrimination, and to settle trade disputes between WTO members. In 1995 that support for the WTO was reflected in active, at times even decisive, participation in WTO proceedings directed along four lines: implementation of the commitments entered into under the Marrakesh agreements; continuation of uncompleted negotiations in some areas, including services; membership of the WTO for non-member countries; and consideration of new topics in the run-up to the WTO Ministerial Conference due to be held in Singapore in December 1996. The Union also welcomed its success in having Mr Ruggiero appointed as the WTO's new Director-General.

Some negotiations under the Uruguay Round remained incomplete, particularly in areas such as financial services, shipping, basic telecommunications and movement of natural persons. Negotiators bent their efforts first and foremost to financial services and movement of natural persons, in view of the timing established for those two areas. The Community and its Member States played an active part in all such negotiations in 1995 and, while regretting the fact that

for the time being the USA was standing aside from the non-discriminatory multilateral effort to liberalize trade in financial services as extensively as possible, they continued to act as a driving force for the successful completion of the negotiations on movement of persons and on financial services.

The Union's enlargement set in motion a review procedure at the WTO to assess the trade implications of that enlargement for other WTO member countries and determine any quid pro quo in order to restore the balance of rights and obligations. The Council agreed to the conclusion of the negotiations conducted in 1995 with various non-member countries, including its main partners.

P. OECD

Meeting at ministerial level on 24 May 1995, the OECD Council decided to open negotiations at the OECD with the aim of arriving at a multilateral investment agreement by the time of the organization's ministerial meeting in 1997. The Council of the European Union and Representatives of Member States' Governments, meeting within it, established a number of guidelines to form a common platform for the stance to be taken by the Community and by Member States in those OECD negotiations.

Q. Financial assistance to third countries

In 1995 the Council decided on two macro-financial assistance operations to support economic recovery efforts by Belarus and Ukraine and on one guarantee operation for EIB lending in South Africa. As part of a general appraisal of financing prospects in third countries over the next few years, the Council asked the EIB and the Commission to look into a new system for the terms of the Community guarantee covering EIB lending in non-member countries.

Annexes

Annex 1:

Acts adopted by the Council within the framework of the Treaties establishing the European Communities

The tables in this Annex reflect the activities of the Council of the European Union in 1995 within the framework of the Treaties establishing the European Communities (ECSC, EC, EAEC). They have been drawn up on the basis of a dual criterion: adoption procedures (Tables I, II and III) and the nature of the acts (Tables IV, V and VI).

The breakdown of Tables I, II and III into subject-matter and decision-making procedures corresponds to that of the *General Report on the Activities of the European Union*¹ produced by the European Commission. In addition to references to acts adopted by the Council, these three tables contain the outcome of votes published in press releases. The existence of any explanations of vote released to the public in the same way is also mentioned.

These three tables also indicate the existence of any statements for the minutes which the Council has decided may be released to the public in accordance with the code of conduct of 2 October 1995 on public access to the minutes and statements in the minutes of the Council acting as legislator.

It should be noted that both disclosure of the outcome of votes taken and any explanations of vote and public access to statements in the minutes are provided for where the Council acts as legislator within the meaning given to that term in the Annex to its Rules of Procedure. This is the case when the Council adopts rules which are legally binding in or for the Member States whether by means of regulations, directives or decisions, on the basis of the relevant provisions of

¹ European Commission. *General Report on the Activities of the European Union — 1995*. Luxembourg, Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 1996. (XV, 608 pp., ISBN 92-827-5897-4).

the Treaties, in particular on the basis of Article 43 of the EC Treaty or in the framework of the procedures in Article 189b (co-decision procedure) and Article 189c (cooperation procedure) of that Treaty.

The Council does not, however, act as legislator during deliberations leading to the adoption of internal measures, administrative or budgetary acts, acts concerning interinstitutional or international relations or non-compulsory acts such as conclusions, recommendations or resolutions.

Legislative acts within the meaning of the Council's Rules of Procedure are indicated in Tables II and III by asterisks (*) in the first columns only for acts adopted by the Council since the adoption of the Code of Conduct on 2 October 1995. All the acts mentioned in Table I (co-decision procedure) are legislative acts.

With regard to Table I concerning acts adopted by the procedure provided for in Article 189b of the EC Treaty, known as the co-decision procedure, reference to *confirmation by the Council of its common position* indicates cases in which the Conciliation Committee did not approve a joint text.

Table II concerning acts adopted by the procedure known as the cooperation procedure provided for in Article 189c of the EC Treaty, the assent procedure and the consultation procedure only includes action by the Council during 1995 in the various procedures. The reference to the *common position* is, moreover, limited to the cooperation procedure.

Table III concerning acts adopted by what is known as the simplified procedure lists acts adopted by the Council in 1995 on the basis of a Commission proposal without intervention by the European Parliament.

ANNEX 1

Table I: Co-decision procedure

	Common position	Second reading by European Parliament/ Adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
INTERNAL MARKET						
<i>Management of the internal market</i>						
Decision 3052/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1995 establishing a procedure for the exchange of information on national measures derogating from the principle of the free movement of goods within the Community OJ L 321, 30.12.1995	29.6.1995 against: D, NL explanations of vote: D, NL OJ 216, 21.8.1995	EP: 26.10.1995 Council: 23.11.1995 against: D, NL explanations of vote: D/NL statements released to the public				
<i>Free movement of goods</i>						
Directive 95/1/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 February 1995 on the maximum design speed, maximum torque and maximum net engine power of two or three-wheel motor vehicles OJ L 52, 8.3.1995	14.6.1993 abstention: UK OJ C 193, 17.7.1993		13.12.1994	EP: 18.1.1995 Council: 23.1.1995		
European Parliament and Council Directive 95/2/EC of 20 February 1995 on food additives other than colours and sweeteners OJ L 61, 18.3.1995	10.3.1994 abstention: DK, I explanation of vote: DK OJ C 172, 24.6.1994	EP: 16.11.1994 Council: 15.12.1994 against: DK abstention: I explanation of vote: DK				

	Common position	Second reading by European Parliament/ Adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
European Parliament and Council Directive 95/16/EC of 29 June 1995 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts OJ L 213, 7.9.1995	16.6.1994 against: E abstention: UK OJ C 232, 20.8.1994		16.5.1995	EP: 15.6.1995 Council: 23.6.1995 against: E explanation of vote: DK, E, IRL, S		
Directive 95/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 relating to the burning behaviour of materials used in the interior construction of certain categories of motor vehicle OJ L 281, 23.11.1995	8.12.1994 OJ C 384, 31.12.1994	EP: 15.6.1995 Council: 24.7.1995				
Common position (EC) No 7/95 adopted by the Council on 15 June 1995 with a view to adopting European Parliament and Council Directive... of..., amending Directive 79/112/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs	15.6.1995 against: D OJ C 182, 15.7.1995					
Common position (EC) No 23/95 adopted by the Council on 23 November 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain components and characteristics of two- or three-wheel motor vehicles	23.11.1995 against: A OJ C 190, 29.6.1996					

	Common position	Second reading by European Parliament/ Adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
Common position (EC) No 25/1995 adopted by the Council on 23 October 1995 with a view to adopting Regulation (EC) No... of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning novel foods and novel food ingredients	23.10.1995 against: DK, D, A, S explanation of vote: DK OJ C 320, 30.11.1995					
Common position (EC) No 29/95 adopted by the Council on 23 November 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of occupants of motor vehicles in the event of a side impact and amending Directive 70/156/EEC	23.11.1995 OJ C 53, 30.12.1995					
Common position (EC) No 30/95 adopted by the Council on 27 November 1995 with a view to adopting Regulation (EC) No... of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the creation of a supplementary protection certificate for plant protection products	27.11.1995 against: I OJ C 353, 30.12.1995					
Common position (EC) No 6/96 adopted by the Council on 22 December 1995 with a view to adopting Regulation (EC) No... of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down a Community procedure for flavouring substances used or intended for use in foodstuffs	22.12.1995 abstention: F OJ C 59, 28.2.1996					

	Common position	Second reading by European Parliament/ Adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
Common position (EC) No 7/96 adopted by the Council on 22 December 1995 with a view to adopting Directive.... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 80/777/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters	22.12.1995 against: DK, S, UK abstention: NL OJ C 59, 28.2.1996					
<i>Freedom to provide services</i>						
European Parliament and Council Directive 95/26/EC of 29 June 1995 amending Directives 77/780/EEC and 89/646/EEC in the field of credit institutions, Directives 73/239/EEC and 92/49/EEC in the field of non-life insurance, Directives 79/267/EEC and 92/96/EEC in the field of life insurance, Directive 93/22/EEC in the field of investment firms and Directive 85/611/EEC in the field of undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (Uciits), with a view to reinforcing prudential supervision OJ L 168, 18.7.1995	6.6.1994 OJ C 213, 3.8.1994		30.3.1995	EP: 18.5.1995 Council: 19.6.1995		
Common position (EC) No 21/95 adopted by the Council on 5 September 1995 with a view to adoption of Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council of... amending Directive 89/647/EEC as regards recognition of contractual netting by the competent authorities	5.9.1995 OJ C 288, 30.10.1995					

	Common position	Second reading by European Parliament/ Adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
Common position (EC) No 26/95 adopted by the Council on 23 October 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council on investor-compensation schemes	23.10.1995 against: D OJ C 320, 30.11.1995					
Common position (EC) No 32/95 adopted by the Council on 4 December 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council of... on cross-border credit transfers	4.12.1995 abstentions: S, UK OJ C 353, 30.12.1995					
<i>Intellectual and industrial property</i>						
Common position (EC) No 4/94 adopted by the Council on 7 February 1994 with a view to adopting European Parliament and Council Directive... of... on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions	7.2.1994 against: DK, E, L explanations of votes: DK, E, I OJ C 101, 9.4.1994		23.1.1995			Proposed act not adopted following rejection by European Parliament on 1.3.1995
Common position (EC) No 20/95 adopted by the Council on 10 July 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council of... on the legal protection of databases	10.7.1995 abstention: P OJ C 288, 30.10.1995					
<i>Data protection</i>						
Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data OJ L 281, 23.11.1995	20.2.1995 abstention: UK OJ C 93, 13.4.1995	EP: 15.6.1995 Council: 24.7.1995 abstention: UK				

	Common position	Adoption of common position by European Parliament and adoption by Council	Joint text produced by Conciliation Committee	Adoption of joint text by European Parliament and Council	Confirmation by Council of its common position	Comments
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY						
Common position (EC) No 31/95 adopted by the Council on 30 November 1995 with a view to adopting a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on adapting Decision No 1110/94/EC concerning the fourth framework programme of the European Community activities in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1984-98) following the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union	30.11.1995 OJ C 353, 30.12.1995					
EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND YOUTH						
Decision No 818/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 1995 adopting the third phase of the 'Youth for Europe' programme OJ L 87, 20.4.1995	11.7.1994 OJ C 232, 20.8.1994		31.10.1995	EP: 1.3.1995 Council: 10.3.1995		
Decision No 819/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 1995 establishing the Community action programme 'Socrates' OJ L 87, 20.4.1995	8.7.1994 abstentions: E, IRL, P explanation of vote: E, IRL OJ C 244, 31.8.1994		31.1.1995	EP: 1.3.1995 Council: 10.3.1995		
Decision No 2493/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 1995 establishing 1996 as the 'European Year of Lifelong Learning' OJ L 256, 26.10.1995	20.4.1995 OJ C 130, 29.5.1995	EP: 15.6.1995 Council: 10.7.1995				

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TRANS-EUROPEAN NETWORKS						
<i>Transport</i>						
Common position (EC) No 22/95 adopted by the Council on 28 September 1995 with a view to adopting a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network	28.9.1995 OJ C 331, 8.12.1995					
<i>Data transmission and telecommunications</i>						
Decision No 2717/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 November 1995 on a set of guidelines for the development of the EURO-ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) as a trans-European network OJ L 282, 24.11.1995	22.12.1994 abstention: D OJ C 384, 31.12.1994	EP: 13.6.1995 COUNCIL: 19.10.1995 Statements released to the public				
<i>Energy</i>						
Common position (EC) No 12/95 adopted by the Council on 29 June 1995 with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision of... laying down a series of guidelines on trans-European energy networks	29.6.1995 OJ C 216, 21.8.1995					
THE INFORMATION SOCIETY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS						
Directive 1995/47/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the use of standards for the transmission of television signals OJ L 281, 23.11.1995	22.12.1994 OJ C 384, 31.12.1994	EP: 13.6.1995 Council: 24.7.1995				

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Directive 95/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 1995 on the application of open network provision (ONP) to voice telephony OJ L 321, 30.12.1995	12.7.1995 against: P explanation of vote: P OJ C 281, 25.10.1995	EP: 26.10.1995 Council: 27.11.1995 against: P explanation of vote: P statements released to the public				

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European Parliament and Council Directive 95/27/EC of 29 June 1995 amending Council Directive 86/662/EEC on the limitation of noise emitted by hydraulic excavators, rope-operated excavators, bulldozers, loaders and excavator-loaders OJ L 168, 18.7.1995	8.6.1994 abstention: UK OJ C 213, 3.8.1994		30.3.1995	EP: 18.5.1995 Council: 19.6.1995		
Directive 96/1/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 January 1996 amending Directive 88/77/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from diesel engines for use in vehicles OJ L 40, 17.2.1996	7.11.1995 against: S OJ C 320, 30.11.1995	EP: 13.12.1995 Council: 22.12.1995 against: S statements released to the public				

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Common position (EC) No 3/96 adopted by the Council on 22 December 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council, of..., amending Directive 70/220/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against air pollution from emissions from motor vehicles	22.12.1995 abstention: L OJ C 37, 9.2.1996					
PUBLIC HEALTH						
European Parliament and Council Decision 1729/95/EC of 19 June 1995 on the extension of the 'Europe against AIDS' programme OJ L 168, 18.7.1995	2.6.1994 OJ C 213, 3.8.1994	EP: 16.11.1994 Council: 22.12.1994				
Common position (EC) No 9/95 adopted by the Council on 2 June 1995 with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision of..., adopting an action plan to combat cancer within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-2000)	2.6.1995 OJ C 216, 21.8.1995					
Common position (EC) No 10/95 adopted by the Council on 2 June 1995 with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision of... adopting a programme of Community action on the prevention of AIDS and certain other communicable diseases within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-2000)	2.6.1995 OJ C 216, 21.8.1995					

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Common position (EC) No 11/95 adopted by the Council on 2 June 1995 with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision of... adopting a programme of Community action on health promotion, information and training within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-2000)	2.6.1995 OJ C 216, 21.8.1995					
Common position (EC) No 1/96 adopted by the Council on 20 December 1995 with a view to adopting Decision... of the European Parliament and of the Council, of..., adopting a programme of Community action on the prevention of drug dependence within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996-2000)	20.12.1995 OJ C 37, 9.2.1996					

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Directive 95/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 November 1995 amending Directive 79/581/EEC on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of foodstuffs and Directive 88/314/EEC on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of non-food products OJ L 299, 12.12.1995	19.6.1995 OJ C 182, 15.7.1995	EP: 20.9.1995 Council: 30.10.1995				
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common position (EC) No 19/95 adopted by the Council on 29 June 1995 with a view to adopting Directive... of the European Parliament and of the Council of... on the protection of consumers in respect of distance contracts 	29.6.1995 OJ C 288, 30.10.1995					

INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA AND CULTURE

Common position (EC) No 16/95 adopted by the Council on 10 July 1995 with a view to adopting a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme to support artistic and cultural activities having a European dimension (Kaleidoscope)	10.7.1995 OJ C 281, 25.10.1995					
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COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

Common position (EC) No 2/96 adopted by the Council on 22 December 1995 with a view to adopting Decision... of the European Parliament and of the Council of..., adopting a Community action programme on customs (Customs 2000)	22.12.1995 abstention: D OJ C 37, 9.2.1996					
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Table II: Cooperation, assent and consultation procedures

	Common position	Adoption
ECONOMIC POLICY		
Council Decision 95/132/EC of 10 April 1995 providing macro-financial assistance for Belarus		10.4.1995 OJ L 89, 21.4.1995
Council Decision 95/442/EC of 23 October 1995 providing further macro-financial assistance for Ukraine		23.10.1995 OJ L 258, 28.10.1995
STATISTICAL SYSTEM		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 of 23 October 1995 concerning harmonized indices of consumer prices		23.10.1995 against: D statements released to the public OJ L 257, 27.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/95 of 23 October 1995 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic		23.10.1995 OJ L 270, 13.11.1995
*Council Directive 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995 on the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism		23.11.1995 against: D statements released to the public OJ L 291, 6.12.1995
*Council Directive 95/64/EC of 8 December 1995 on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea		8.12.1995 abstentions: D, E statements released to the public OJ L 320, 20.12.1995
INTERNAL MARKET		
<i>Free movement of goods</i>		
Council Regulation (EC) No 297/95 of 10 February 1995 on fees payable to the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products		10.2.1995 OJ L 35, 15.2.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2506/95 of 25 October 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 on Community plant variety rights		25.10.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 258, 25.10.1995
Council Directive 95/23/EC of 22 June 1995 amending Directive 64/433/EEC on conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat		22.6.1995 against: NL, P abstention: UK explanation of vote: NL OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Council Directive 95/29/EC of 29 June 1995 amending Directive 91/628/EC concerning the protection of animals during transport		29.6.1995 against: A, DK, I, S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995

	Common position	Adoption
*Council Directive 95/52/EC of 25 October 1995 amending Directive 90/675/EEC laying down the principles governing the organization of veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries		25.10.1995 against: I explanation of vote: I statements released to the public OJ L 265, 8.11.1995
*Council Directive 95/53/EC of 25 October 1995 fixing the principles governing the organization of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition		25.10.1995 abstention: P statements released to the public OJ L 265, 8.11.1995
*Council Directive 95/69/EC of 22 December 1995 laying down the conditions and arrangements for approving and registering certain establishments and intermediaries operating in the animal feed sector and amending Directives 70/524/EEC, 74/63/EEC, 79/373/EEC and 82/471/EEC		22.12.1995 against: UK statements released to the public OJ L 332, 30.12.1995
*Council Directive 95/70/EC of 22 December 1995 introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain diseases affecting bivalve molluscs		22.12.1995 abstention: UK statements released to the public OJ L 332, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/408/EC of 22 June 1995 on the conditions for drawing up, for an interim period, provisional lists of third country establishments from which Member States are authorized to import certain products of animal origin, fishery products or live bivalve molluscs		22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Taxation		
Council Directive 95/7/EC of 10 April 1995 amending Directive 77/388/EEC and introducing new simplification measures with regard to value added tax, scope of certain exemptions and practical arrangements for implementing them		10.4.1995 OJ L 102, 5.5.1995
*Council Directive 95/59/EC of 27 November 1995 on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco		27.11.1995 OJ L 291, 6.12.1995
*Council Directive 95/60/EC of 27 November 1995 on fiscal marking of gas oils and kerosene		27.11.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 291, 6.12.1995
External frontiers — Visas		
Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas		29.5.1995 OJ L 164, 14.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2317/95 of 25 September 1995 determining the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of a visa when crossing the external borders of the Member States		25.9.1995 OJ L 234, 3.10.1995

	Common position	Adoption
INDUSTRIAL POLICY		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3094/95 of 22 December 1995 on aid to shipbuilding		22.12.1995 against: D, S statements released to the public OJ L 332, 30.12.1995
EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND YOUTH		
Council Regulation (EC) No 251/95 of 6 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training		6.2.1995 OJ L 30, 9.2.1995
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COHESION		
Council Regulation (EC) No 852/95 of 10 April 1995 on the grant of financial assistance to Portugal for a specific programme for the modernization of the Portuguese textile and clothing industry		10.4.1995 OJ L 86, 20.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1624/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3699/93 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products		29.6.1995 OJ L 155, 6.7.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2719/95 of 20 November 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3699/93 laying down the criteria and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and the processing and marketing of its products		20.11.1995 against: UK abstention: S statements released to the public OJ L 283, 25.11.1995
*Council Decision 95/451/EC of 26 October 1995 on a specific measure for the grant of an indemnity to fishermen from certain Member States of the Community who have had to suspend their fishing activities in waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Morocco		26.10.1995 OJ L 264, 7.11.1995
MEASURES FOR THE MOST REMOTE REGIONS		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2337/95 of 2 October 1995 establishing a system of compensation for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French department of Guiana as a result of their very remote location		2.10.1995 abstention: UK statements released to the public OJ L 236, 5.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2598/95 of 30 October 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments		30.10.1995 abstention: D statements released to the public OJ L 267, 9.11.1995

	Common position	Adoption
TRANS-EUROPEAN NETWORKS		
Council Regulation (EC) No 2236/95 of 18 September 1995 laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of trans-European networks	31.3.1995 OJ C 130, 29.5.1995	18.9.1995 OJ L 228, 23.9.1995
*Council Decision 95/468/EC OF 6 November 1995 on a Community contribution for telematic interchange of data between administrations in the Community (IDA)		6.11.1995 abstentions: GR, I OJ L 269, 11.11.1995
Common position (EC) No 13/95 adopted by the Council on 29 June 1995 with a view to adopting a Council Decision of... laying down a series of measures aimed at creating a more favourable context for the development of trans-European networks in the energy sector	29.6.1995 OJ C 216, 21.8.1995	
Common position (EC) No 36/95 adopted by the Council on 8 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... of... on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system	8.12.1995 OJ C 356, 30.12.1995	
TRANSPORT POLICY		
<i>Transport and the environment</i>		
Common position (EC) No 24/95 adopted by the Council on 6 October 1995 with a view to adopting a Council Directive on the appointment and vocational qualification of safety advisers for the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterway	6.10.1995 against: S, UK abstention: L OJ C 297, 10.11.1995	
<i>Inland transport</i>		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2819/95 of 5 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89 on structural improvements in inland waterway transport	17.11.1995 against: D, UK OJ C 325, 6.12.1995	5.12.1995 against: D, UK statements released to the public OJ L 292, 7.12.1995
Council Directive 95/18/EC of 19 June 1995 on the licensing of railway undertakings		19.6.1995 OJ L 143, 27.6.1995
Council Directive 95/19/EC OF 19 June 1995 on the allocation of railway infrastructure capacity and the charging of infrastructure fees		19.6.1995 OJ L 143, 27.6.1995
*Council Directive 95/50/EC of 6 October 1995 on uniform procedures for checks on the transport of dangerous goods by road		6.10.1995 abstention: DK statements released to the public OJ L 249, 17.10.1995
Common position (EC) No 33/95 adopted by the Council on 8 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... of... on admission to the occupation of road haulage operator and road passenger transport operator and mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications intended to facilitate for these operators the right to freedom of establishment in national and international transport operations	8.12.1995 OJ C 356, 30.12.1995	

	Common position	Adoption
Common position (EC) No 34/95 adopted by the Council on 8 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... of... laying down for certain road vehicles circulating within the Community the maximum authorized dimensions in national and international traffic and the maximum authorized weights in international traffic	8.12.1995 against: A OJ C 356, 30.12.1995	
Common position (EC) No 35/95 adopted by the Council on 8 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... of... on the approximation of the laws of the Member States with regard to the transport of dangerous goods by rail	8.12.1995 OJ C 356, 30.12.1995	
Common position (EC) No 37/95 adopted by the Council on 8 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... of... on the harmonization of the conditions for obtaining national boatmasters' certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway in the Community	8.12.1995 OJ C 356, 30.12.1995	
<i>Sea transport</i>		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3051/95 of 8 December 1995 on the safety management of roll-on/roll-off passenger ferries (ro-ro ferries)	28.9.1995 OJ C 297, 10.11.1995	8.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 320, 30.12.1995
Council Directive 95/21/EC of 19 June 1995 concerning the enforcement, in respect of shipping using Community ports and sailing in the waters under the jurisdiction of the Member States, of international standards for ship safety, pollution prevention and shipboard living and working conditions (port State control)	14.3.1995 OJ C 93, 13.4.1995	19.6.1995 OJ L 157, 7.7.1995
THE INFORMATION SOCIETY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS		
Council recommendation 95/144/EC of 7 April 1995 on common information technology security evaluation criteria		7.4.1995 OJ L 93, 26.4.1995
ENVIRONMENT		
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3062/95 of 20 December 1995 on operations to promote tropical forests	23.1.1995 OJ C 160, 26.6.1995	20.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
Common position (EC) No 4/96 adopted by the Council on 6 October 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... on the landfill of waste	6.10.1995 against: B, F OJ C 59, 28.2.1996	
Common position (EC) No 5/96 adopted by the Council on 30 November 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... on ambient air quality assessment and management	30.11.1995 OJ C 59, 28.2.1996	

	Common position	Adoption
Common position (EC) No 8/96 adopted by the Council on 27 November 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... on the disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls and polychlorinated terphenyls (PCB/PCT)	27.11.1995 OJ C 87, 25.3.1996	
Common position (EC) No 9/96 adopted by the Council on 27 November 1995 with a view to adopting Council Directive... concerning integrated pollution prevention and control	27.11.1995 OJ C 87, 25.3.1996	
Common position (EC) No 17/96 adopted by the Council on 18 December 1995 with a view to adopting Council Regulation (EC) No... of... amending Regulation (EEC) No 1973/92 establishing a financial instrument for the environment (LIFE)	18.12.1995 OJ C 134, 6.5.1996	
AGRICULTURAL POLICY		
Council Regulation (EC) No 150/95 of 23 January 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3813/92 on the unit of account and the conversion rates to be applied for the purposes of the common agricultural policy		23.1.1995 against: DK, S, UK OJ L 22, 31.1.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 423/95 of 20 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1986 harvest and providing for special measures for certain regions of production		20.2.1995 OJ L 45, 1.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 456/95 of 20 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 laying down special measures for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece as regards the duration of their application		20.2.1995 against: DK abstentions: D, UK OJ L 47, 2.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 497/95 of 20 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 4007/87 extending the period referred to in Articles 90(1) and 257(1) of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal		20.2.1995 abstention: B OJ L 50, 7.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 603/95 of 21 February 1995 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder		21.2.1995 OJ L 63, 21.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 684/95 of 27 March 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 603/95 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder		27.3.1995 OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 711/95 of 27 March 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco		27.3.1995 OJ L 73, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1101/95 of 24 April 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1785/81 on the common organization of the market in the sugar sector and Regulation (EEC) No 1010/86 laying down general rules for the production refund on certain sugar products used in the chemical industry		24.4.1995 against: P OJ L 110, 17.5.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1265/95 of 29 May 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3013/89 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat		29/5/1995 OJ L 123, 3.6.1995

	Common position	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 1267/95 of 29 May 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1332/92 introducing specific measures for table olives		29.5.1995 OJ L 123, 3.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1287/95 of 22 May 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 on the financing of the common agricultural policy		22.5.1995 OJ L 125, 8.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/95 of 29 May 1995 extending to the periods 1991/92 and 1992/93 the increase adopted for the periods 1993/94 and 1994/95 in the total quantities fixed for Greece, Spain and Italy for the additional levy in the milk and milk products sector		29.5.1995 against: D, DK, NL OJ L 125, 29.5.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1327/95 of 29 May 1995 amending Regulations (EEC) No 1035/72, (EEC) No 2240/88 and (EEC) No 1121/89 as regards the intervention threshold mechanism in the fresh fruit and vegetables sector		29.5.1995 OJ L 128, 13.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1347/95 of 9 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 603/95 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder		9.6.95 against: FIN OJ L 131, 15.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1460/95 of 22 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops		22.6.1995 abstentions: E, P OJ L 144, 28.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1461/95 of 22 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 1017/94 concerning the conversion of land currently under arable crops to extensive livestock farming in Portugal		22.6.1995 OJ L 144, 28.6.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 1469/95 of 22 June 1995 on measures to be taken with regard to certain beneficiaries of operations financed by the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF		22.6.1995 OJ L 145, 29.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1528/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the common organization of the market in cereals		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1529/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the monthly prices increases for cereals for the 1995/96 marketing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1530/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1418/76 on the common organization of the market in rice		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1531/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the intervention price for paddy rice for the 1995/96 marketing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1533/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing, for the 1995/96 marketing year, certain sugar prices and the standard quality of beet		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1535/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing, for the 1995/96 marketing year, the prices, aids and percentages of aid to be retained in the olive oil sector		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995

	Common position	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 1536/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the amounts of aid for flax fibre and hemp and the amount withheld to finance measures to promote the use of flax fibre for the 1995/96 marketing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1537/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1995/96 rearing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1538/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1539/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter and skimmed-milk powder for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1540/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the basic price, and the seasonal adjustments to the basic price, for sheepmeat for the 1996 marketing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1541/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the basic price and the standard quality for pig carcasses for the period 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1542/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the basic price and buying-in prices applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector for the 1995/96 marketing year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/95 of 29 June 1995 derogating, for the 1995/96 marketing year, from Regulation (EC) No 3119/93 laying down special measures to encourage the processing of certain citrus fruits		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1544/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 on the common organization of the market in wine		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1545/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the guide price for wine for the 1995/96 wine year		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1547/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2332/92 as regards sparkling wines produced in the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 on the preparation and marketing of liqueur wines produced in the Community		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1548/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the 1988/89 to 1995/96 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1550/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing, for the 1995 harvest, the premiums and guarantee thresholds for leaf tobacco by group of tobacco varieties		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995

	Common position	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 1551/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the amounts of aid for seeds for the 1996/97 and 1997/98 marketing years		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1552/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3950/92 establishing an additional levy in the milk and milk products sector		29.6.1995 against: DK, L, NL, S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 of 29 June 1995 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2169/81		29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1863/95 of 17 July 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the common organization of the market in cereals and Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch		17.7.1995 OJ L 179, 29.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1935/95 of 22 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs		22.6.1995 OJ L 186, 5.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2284/95 of 25 September 1995 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1994 harvest		25.9.1995 abstention: UK OJ L 233, 30.9.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2336/95 of 26 September 1995 derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops as regards the set-aside requirement for the 1996/97 marketing year		26.9.1995 against: P OJ L 236, 5.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2505/95 of 24 October 1995 on the improvement of the Community production of peaches and nectarines		24.10.1995 against: UK OJ L 258, 28.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2535/95 of 24 October 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3730/87 laying down the general rules for the supply of food from intervention stocks to designated organizations for distribution to the most deprived persons in the Community		24.10.1995 against: NL, S, UK statements released to the public OJ L 260, 31.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2611/95 of 25 October 1995 establishing the possibility of national aid being granted in compensation for losses of agricultural income caused by monetary movements in other Member States		25.10.1995 against: I abstention: UK statement released to the public OJ L 268, 10.11.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2800/95 of 29 November 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops		29.11.1995 against: FIN explanation of vote: FIN OJ L 291, 6.12.1995

	Common position	Adoption
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2801/95 of 29 November 1995 amending Regulation No 79/65/EEC setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operation of agricultural holdings in the European Economic Community		29.11.1995 OJ L 291, 6.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2989/95 of 19 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops		19.12.1995 abstention: UK OJ L 312, 23.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3011/95 of 19 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 823/87 laying down special provisions relating to quality wines produced in specific regions		19.12.1995 OJ L 314, 28.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 of 22 December 1995 on the common organization of the market in rice		22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Directive 95/5/EC of 27 February 1995 amending Directive 92/120/EEC on the conditions for granting temporary and limited derogations from specific Community health rules on the production and marketing of certain products of animal origin		27.2.1995 OJ L 51, 8.3.1995
Council Directive 95/25/EC of 22 June 1995 amending Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine		22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Council Directive 95/212/EC of 29 May 1995 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Austria)		29.5.1995 OJ L 137, 21.6.1995
*Council Directive 95/412/EC of 25 September 1995 concerning the list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Finland)		25.9.1995 OJ L 241, 10.10.1995
*Council Directive 95/498/EC of 23 November 1995 concerning the list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Sweden)		23.11.1995 OJ L 287, 30.11.1995
REGIONAL POLICY		
*Council Decision 95/250/EC of 29 June 1995 relating to exceptional Community aid for the reconstruction of the areas stricken by the cyclone that hit Madeira in October 1993		29.6.1995 OJ L 159, 11.7.1995
FISHERIES <i>Common fisheries policy</i>		
Council Regulation (EC) No 685/95 of 27 March 1995 on the management of the fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources		27.3.1995 abstention: UK OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2870/95 of 8 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy		8.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 301, 14.12.1995

	Common position	Adoption
<i>Internal resources and policy on conservation and monitoring</i>		
Council Regulation (EC) No 1173/95 of 22 May 1995 amending, for the 16th time, Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources		22.5.1995 OJ L 118, 25.5.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1326/95 of 6 June 1995 opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for live fry and juveniles of sea bream (<i>Sparus aurata</i>) and bass (<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>), originating in Ceuta		6.6.1995 OJ L 128, 13.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1388/95 of 15 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3928/92 establishing a NAFO pilot observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the regulatory area of the North-West Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)		15.6.1995 OJ L 135, 21.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1909/95 of 24 July 1995 amending, for the 17th time, Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources		24.7.1995 OJ L 184, 3.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2251/95 of 18 September 1995 amending for the 18th time Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources		18.9.1995 OJ L 230, 27.9.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3071/95 of 22 December 1995 amending, for the 19th time, Regulation (EEC) No 3094/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources		22.12.1995 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/49/EC of 27 February 1995 amending Decision 94/941/EC laying down transitional measures applicable to imports of fishery products from third countries		27.2.1995 OJ L 53, 9.3.1995
*Council Decision 95/523/EC of 8 December 1995 on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy		8.12.1995 against: D OJ L 301, 14.12.1995
*Council Decision 95/524/EC of 5 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and Decision 89/631/EEC as regards the time limit for implementing certain pilot projects on continuous position monitoring of Community fishing vessels and the Community contribution to the expenditure incurred in their implementation		5.12.1995 OJ L 301, 14.12.1995
<i>External resources</i>		
Council Regulation (EC) No 2250/95 of 18 September 1995 amending for the fifth time Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound		18.9.1995 OJ L 230, 27.9.1995

	Common position	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 3067/95 of 21 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1956/88 adopting provisions for the application of the scheme of joint international inspection adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization		21.12.1995 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3068/95 of 21 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 189/92 adopting provisions for the application of certain control measures adopted by the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization		21.12.1995 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3069/95 of 21 December 1995 establishing a European Community observer scheme applicable to Community fishing vessels operating in the regulatory area of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO)		21.12.1995 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3070/95 of 21 December 1995 on the establishment of a pilot project on satellite tracking in the NAFO regulatory area		21.12.1995 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission		18.9.1995 OJ L 236, 5.10.1995

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

Council Regulation (EC) No 1643/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work		29.6./1995 OJ L 156, 7.7.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3095/95 of 22 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community, Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 fixing the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71, Regulation (EEC) No 1247/92 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 and Regulation (EEC) No 1945/93 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1247/92		22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 335, 30.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3096/95 of 22 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71		22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 335, 30.12.1995
*Council Directive 95/63/EC of 5 December 1995 amending Directive 89/655/EEC concerning the minimum health and safety requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work (second individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)	24.7.1995 abstentions: 1, UK OJ C 281, 25.10.1995	5.12.1995 abstentions: I, UK statements released to the public OJ L 335, 30.12.1995

	Common position	Adoption
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES		
*Council Decision 95/593/EC of 22 December 1995 on a medium-term Community action programme on equal opportunities for men and women (1996-2000)		22.12.1995 explanations of vote: B, DK, D, GR, IRL, I, A, P, FIN, S statements released to the public OJ L 335, 30.12.1995
INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION, AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA AND CULTURE		
Council Decision 95/563/EC of 10 July 1995 on the implementation of a programme encouraging the development and distribution of European audiovisual works (Media II - Development and distribution) (1996-2000)		10.7.1995 OJ L 321, 30.12.1995
*Council Decision 95/564/EC of 22 December 1995 on the implementation of a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (Media II - Training)	10.7.1995 OJ C 281, 25.10.1995	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 321, 30.12.1995
COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY		
Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community		22.12.1995 OJ L 56, 6.3.1996
DEVELOPMENT POLICY		
Common position (EC) No 6/95 adopted by the Council on 22 May 1995 with a view to adopting Regulation (EC) No... on the implementation of the 'European Investment Partners Financial Instrument' for the countries of Latin America, Asia, the Mediterranean region and South Africa	22.5.1995 OJ C 160, 26.6.1995	
RELATIONS WITH MEDITERRANEAN THIRD COUNTRIES		
Council Regulation (EC) No 1366/95 of 12 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 in order to extend economic aid to Croatia		12.6.1995 OJ L 133, 17.6.1995
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		
Council Decision 95/207/EC of 1 June 1995 granting a Community guarantee to the European Investment Bank against losses under loans for projects in South Africa		1.6.1995 OJ L 131, 15.6.1995
BUDGET <i>Financial Regulations</i>		
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2333/95 of 18 September 1995 amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities		18.9.1995 OJ L 240, 7.10.1995

	Common position	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2334/95 of 18 September 1995 amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, with regard to the treatment of fines, role of the financial controller, recovery of debts and late adjustment		18.9.1995 OJ L 240, 7.10.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2335/95 of 18 September 1995 amending the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, with regard to the special provisions applicable to research and technological development appropriations		18.9.1995 OJ L 240, 7.10.1995

ACTION TO COMBAT FRAUD

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests		18.12.1995 OJ L 312, 23.12.1995
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ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Council Regulation (EC) No 626/95 of 20 March 1995 introducing special and temporary measures applicable to the recruitment of officials of the European Communities as a result of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden		20.3.1995 OJ L 66, 24.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2688/95 of 17 November 1995 introducing special measures to terminate the service of officials of the European Communities as a result of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden		17.11.1995 OJ L 280, 23.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2689/95 of 17 November 1995 introducing special measures to terminate the service of temporary staff of the European Communities as a result of the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden		17.11.1995 OJ L 280, 23.11.1995

INSTITUTIONS

Council Decision 95/208/EC of 6 June 1995 amending the Protocol on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Community		6.6.1995 OJ L 131, 15.6.1995
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ANNEX 1

Table III: Simplified procedure

	Adoption
ENLARGEMENT	
Council Decision 95/1/EC, Euratom, ECSC of 1 January 1995 adjusting the instruments concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Union	1.1.1995 OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
STATISTICAL SYSTEM	
Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95 of 22 May 1995 on the statistics relating to the trading of goods by the Community and its Member States with non-member countries	22.5.1995 OJ L 118, 25.5.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2744/95 of 27 November 1995 on statistics on the structure and distribution of earnings	27.11.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 287, 30.11.1995
INTERNAL MARKET <i>Free movement of goods</i>	
Council Regulation (EC) No 915/95 of 21 April 1995 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products (1995)	21.4.1995 OJ L 95, 27.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1597/95 of 29 June 1995 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products	29.6.1995 OJ L 150, 1.7.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3021/95 of 22 December 1995 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on certain industrial products (in the chemical and allied sectors)	22.12.1995 abstention: F statements released to the public OJ L 318, 30.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3022/95 of 22 December 1995 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duty on certain industrial products (in the microelectronics and allied sectors)	22.12.1995 OJ L 318, 30.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3031/95 of 22 December 1995 temporarily suspending totally or partially the autonomous duties of the Common Customs Tariff for certain fishery products (1996)	22.12.1995 OJ L 316, 30.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3050/95 of 22 December 1995 temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of products intended for the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft	22.12.1995 abstention: F statements released to the public OJ L 320, 30.12.1995
Council Directive 95/22/EC of 22 June 1995 amending Directive 91/67/EEC concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products	22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Council Directive 95/38/EC of 17 July 1995 amending Annexes I and II to Directive 90/642/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables, and providing for the establishment of a list of maximum levels	17.7.1995 OJ L 197, 22.8.1995

	Adoption
Council Directive 95/39/EC of 17 July 1995 amending the Annexes to Directives 86/362/EEC and 86/363/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals and foodstuffs of animal origin	17.7.1995 OJ L 197, 22.8.1995
*Council Directive 95/61/EC of 29 November 1995 amending Annex II to Directive 90/642/EEC relating to the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables	29.11.1995 OJ L 292, 7.12.1995
Taxation	
Council Decision 95/114/EC of 30 March 1995 authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to apply a measure derogating from Article 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	30.3.1995 OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
Council Decision 95/115/EC of 30 March 1995 authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to conclude with the Republic of Poland an agreement containing measures derogating from Articles 2 and 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	30.3.1995 OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
Council Decision 95/252/EC of 29 June 1995 authorizing the United Kingdom to apply a measure derogating from Articles 6 and 17 of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	29.6.1995 OJ L 159, 11.7.1995
Council Decision 95/435/EC of 23 October 1995 authorizing the Federal Republic of Germany to conclude an agreement with the Republic of Poland containing measures derogating from Articles 2 and 3 of the Sixth Directive 77/388/EEC on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes	23.10.1995 OJ L 257, 27.10.1995
*Council Decision 95/585/EC of 22 December 1995 authorizing certain Member States to apply or to continue to apply to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, reduced rates of excise duty or exemptions from excise duty, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
Public contracts	
Council Regulation (EC) No 1836/95 of 24 July 1995 completing the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1461/93 concerning access to public contracts for tenderers from the United States of America	24.7.1995 OJ L 183, 2.8.1995
MEASURES FOR THE MOST REMOTE REGIONS	
Council Regulation (EC) No 3012/95 of 20 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1605/92 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on imports of certain industrial products into the Canary Islands	20.12.1995 OJ L 314, 28.12.1995
ENERGY POLICY	
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2964/95 of 20 December 1995 introducing registration of crude oil imports and deliveries in the Community	20.12.1995 OJ L 310, 22.12.1995

	Adoption
NUCLEAR SAFETY	
Council Regulation (EC) No 686/95 of 28 March 1995 extending Regulation (EEC) No 737/90 on the conditions governing imports of agricultural products originating in third countries following the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power-station	28.3.1995 against: A explanations of vote: B, E, F, I, NL, A, UK OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
AGRICULTURAL POLICY	
Council Regulation (EC) No 264/95 of 6 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 1873/84 authorizing the offer or disposal for direct human consumption of certain imported wines which may have undergone oenological processes not provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 822/87	6.2.1995 OJ L 31, 10.2.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 265/95 of 6 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2390/89 laying down general rules for the import of wines, grape juice and grape must	6.2.1995 OJ L 31, 10.2.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 424/95 of 20 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 805/68 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal as regards the deseasonalization premium	20.2.1995 OJ L 45, 1.3.1995
Regulation (EC) No 636/95 of 20 February 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to olive oil producer organizations	20.2.1995 OJ L 67, 25.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 682/95 of 27 March 1995 extending the 1994/95 milk year	27.3.1995 OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 683/95 of 27 March 1995 extending the 1994/95 marketing year in the beef and veal sector	27.3.1995 OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 687/95 of 27 March 1995 on free distribution outside the Community of fruit and vegetables withdrawn from the market during the 1994/95 marketing year	27.3.1995 OJ L 71, 31.3.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 712/95 of 27 March 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 1799/94 on special arrangements for imports of maize and sorghum into Spain for 1994	27.3.1995 OJ L 73, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 713/95 of 27 March 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 620/71 laying down outline provisions for contracts for the sale of flax and hemp straw	27.3.1995 OJ L 73, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1161/95 of 22 May 1995 amending the number of further reference periods in the context of the agri-monetary system	22.5.1995 against: UK OJ L 117, 24.5.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/95 of 29 May 1995 fixing the basic and buying-in prices for cauliflowers, peaches, apricots, nectarines, lemons and tomatoes for June 1995	29.5.1995 OJ L 120, 31.5.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 1266/95 of 29 May 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3901/89 defining lambs fattened as heavy carcasses	29.5.1995 OJ L 123, 3.6.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 1527/95 of 29 June 1995 regulating compensation for reductions in the agricultural conversion rates of certain national currencies	29.6.1995 against: S, UK OJ L 148, 30.6.1995

	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 1532/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice for the 1995/96 marketing year	29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1534/95 of 29 June 1995 fixing, for the 1995/96 marketing year, the derived intervention prices for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, and the amount of compensation for storage costs	29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1546/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2046/89 laying down general rules for distillation operations involving wine and the by-products of wine-making	29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1549/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2392/86 establishing a Community vineyard register	29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 of 29 June 1995 adjusting, for the fifth time, the system of aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece	29.6.1995 against: S OJ L 148, 30.6.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2534/95 of 24 October 1995 on free distribution outside the Community of fruit and vegetables withdrawn from the market during the 1995/96 marketing year	24.10.1995 OJ L 260, 31.10.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2990/95 of 18 December 1995 regulating compensation for appreciable reductions in the agricultural conversion rates before 1 July 1996	18.12.1995 OJ L 312, 23.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3073/95 of 22 December 1995 determining the standard quality of rice	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
Council Directive 95/24/EC of 22 June 1995 amending the Annex to Directive 85/73/EEC on the financing of veterinary inspections and controls of animal products covered by Annex A to Directive 89/662/EEC and by Directive 90/675/EEC	22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
*Council Directive 95/68/EC of 22 December 1995 amending Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting the production and marketing of meat products and certain other products of animal origin	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 332, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/348/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the veterinary and animal health rules applicable in the United Kingdom and Ireland to the treatment of certain types of waste intended to be marketed locally as feedstuffs for certain animal categories	22.6.1995 OJ L 202, 26.8.1995
Council Decision 95/409/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the rules for the microbiological testing by sampling of fresh beef and veal and pigmeat intended for Finland and Sweden	22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Council Decision 95/410/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the rules for the microbiological testing by sampling in the establishment of origin of poultry for slaughter intended for Finland and Sweden	22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995
Council Decision 95/411/EC of 22 June 1995 laying down the rules for the microbiological testing for salmonella by sampling of fresh poultrymeat intended for Finland and Sweden	22.6.1995 OJ L 243, 11.10.1995

	Adoption
*Council Decision 95/513/EC of 29 November 1995 on the equivalence of seed potatoes produced in third countries	29.11.1995 OJ L 296, 9.12.1995
*Council Decision 95/514/EC of 29 November 1995 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	29.11.95 OJ L 296, 9.12.1995
*Council Decision 95/589/EC of 22 December 1995 extending the period of application of Decision 82/530/EEC authorizing the United Kingdom to permit the Isle of Man authorities to apply a system of special import licences to sheepmeat and beef and veal	22.12.95 OJ L 329, 30.12.1995
FISHERIES	
<i>Common fisheries policy</i>	
Council Regulation (EC) No 2027/95 of 15 June 1995 establishing a system for the management of fishing effort relating to certain Community fishing areas and resources	15.6.1995 OJ L 199, 24.8.1995
*Council Decision 95/577/EC of 22 December 1995 concerning the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the fisheries sector in Finland and Sweden over the period 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1996 with a view to achieving a lasting balance between resources and their exploitation	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 326, 30.12.1995
<i>Internal resources and policy on conservation and monitoring</i>	
Council Regulation (EC) No 746/95 of 31 March 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3362/94 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1995 and certain conditions under which they may be fished	31.3.1995 against: E OJ L 74, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 850/95 of 6 April 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3366/94 laying down for 1995 certain conservation and management measures for fishery resources in the regulatory area as defined in the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-west Atlantic Fisheries	6.4.1995 against: UK OJ L 86, 20.4.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2726/95 of 23 November 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3362/94 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1995 and certain conditions under which they may be fished	23.11.1995 OJ L 284, 28.11.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2780/95 of 30 November 1995 amending, for the third time, Regulation (EC) No 3362/94 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1995 and certain conditions under which they may be fished	30.11.1995 OJ L 289, 2.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3074/95 of 22 December 1995 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1996 and certain conditions under which they may be fished	22.12.1995 against: S statements released to the public OJ L 330, 30.12.1995
*Council Directive 95/71/EC of 22 December 1995 amending the Annex to Directive 91/493/EEC laying down the health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 332, 30.12.1995
*Council Decision 95/578/EC of 22 December 1995 fixing the amount of the Community financial contribution for 1995 to expenditure incurred by the Swedish authorities for the release of smolt	22.12.1995 OJ L 326, 30.12.1995

	Adoption
<i>External resources</i>	
Council Regulation (EC) No 747/95 of 31 March 1995 laying down, for 1995, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway	31.3.1995 OJ L 74, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 748/95 of 31 March 1995 allocating, for 1995, certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian exclusive economic zone and the fishing zone around Jan Mayen	31.3.1995 OJ L 74, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 749/95 of 31 March 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3363/94 allocating, for 1995, Community catch quotas in Greenland waters	31.3.1995 OJ L 74, 1.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 750/95 of 31 March 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3364/94 laying down, for 1995, certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of the Faeroe Islands	31.3.1995 OJ L 74, 1.7.1995
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*Council Regulation (EC) No 2816/95 of 30 November 1995 fixing the guide prices for the fishery products listed in Annex I (A), (D) and (E) of Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 for the 1996 fishing year	30.11.1995 OJ L 292, 7.12.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/95 of 3 May 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 3433/91 in so far as it imposes a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of gas-fuelled, non-refillable pocket flint lighters originating in the People's Republic of China	3.5.1995 OJ L 101, 4.5.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1170/95 of 22 May 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2819/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of potassium permanganate originating in the People's Republic of China	22.5.1995 OJ L 118, 25.5.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1171/95 of 22 May 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3359/93 imposing amended anti-dumping measures on imports of ferro-silicon originating in Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Venezuela and Brazil	22.5.1995 OJ L 118, 25.5.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1277/95 of 29 May 1995 on certain procedures for applying the Agreement on free trade and trade related matters between the European Community, the European Atomic Energy Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part	29.5.1995 OJ L 124, 7.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1325/95 of 6 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 517/94 on common rules for imports of textile products from certain third countries not covered by bilateral agreements, protocols or other arrangements, or by other specific Community import rules	6.6.1995 OJ L 128, 13.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1380/95 of 12 June 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 with a view to authorizing the export of certain goods to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	12.6.1995 OJ L 138, 21.6.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1389/95 of 15 June 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain industrial products (second series 1995)	15.6.1995 OJ L 135, 21.6.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1416/95 of 19 June 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain processed agricultural products	19.6.1995 OJ L 141, 24.6.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1596/95 of 29 June 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3361/94 in order to prolong the application of certain tariff quotas with respect to Austria, Finland and Sweden	29.6.1995 OJ L 150, 1.7.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 1661/95 of 29 June 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain agricultural products including processed products, opened for Israel and Turkey	29.6.1995 OJ L 158, 8.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1673/95 of 7 July 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2472/94 suspending certain elements of the embargo on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	7.7.1995 OJ L 160, 11.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1767/95 of 29 June 1995 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain agricultural products, including processed products, in favour of certain central and east European countries	29.7.1995 OJ L 173, 25.7.1995

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Council Regulation (EC) No 1808/95 of 24 July 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas bound in GATT for certain agricultural, industrial and fisheries products and establishing the detailed provisions for adapting these quotas	24.7.1995 OJ L 176, 27.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1835/95 of 24 July 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain industrial, fishery and agricultural products and amending Regulation (EC) No 2878/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products (fourth series 1995)	24.7.1995 OJ L 183, 2.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1917/95 of 24 July 1995 establishing certain measures concerning imports of processed agricultural products from Iceland, Norway and Switzerland in order to take account of the results of the Uruguay Round negotiations in the agricultural sector	24.7.1995 OJ L 185, 4.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1936/95 of 3 August 1995 repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1391/91 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of aspartame originating in Japan and the United States of America	3.8.1995 OJ L 186, 5.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1974/95 of 10 July 1995 extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of disodium carbonate originating in the United States of America	10.7.1995 OJ L 191, 12.8.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 2380/95 of 2 October 1995 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of plain paper photocopiers originating in Japan	2.10.1995 OJ L 244, 12.10.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 2413/95 of 6 October 1995 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ferro-silico-manganese originating in Russia, Ukraine, Brazil and South Africa	6.10.1995 OJ L 248, 14.10.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2474/95 of 23 October 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan	23.10.1995 OJ L 255, 25.10.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/95 of 30 October 1995 extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of microwave ovens originating in the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Malaysia	30.10.1995 OJ L 263, 4.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2599/95 of 30 October 1995 opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States (1996-99)	30.10.1995 OJ L 267, 9.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2651/95 of 23 October 1995 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3282/94 extending into 1995 the application of Regulations (EEC) No 3833/90, (EEC) No 3835/90 and (EEC) No 3900/91 applying generalized tariff preference to certain agricultural products originating in developing countries	23.10.1995 OJ L 273, 16.11.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 2690/95 of 17 November 1995 opening a tariff quota for preserved mushrooms originating in China	17.11.1995 OJ L 280, 23.11.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 2718/95 of 20 November 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 1827/94 opening and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, tafia and arrack originating in the overseas countries and territories (OCT) associated with the European Community (1994 to 1995)	20.11.1995 OJ L 283, 25.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2735/95 of 27 November 1995 extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of refractory chamottes originating in the People's Republic of China	27.11.1995 OJ L 285, 29.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2736/95 of 27 November 1995 extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of powdered activated carbon originating in the People's Republic of China	27.11.1995 OJ L 285, 29.11.1995

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Council Regulation (EC) No 2743/95 of 27 November 1995 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for prepared or preserved sardines originating in Morocco (1 May to 31 December 1995)	27.11.1995 against: I OJ L 287, 30.11.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2815/95 of 4 December 1995 suspending Regulation (EEC) No 990/93 with regard to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2472/94	4.12.1995 OJ L 297, 9.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2857/95 of 8 December 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 3379/94 opening and administering certain Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain agricultural products and for beer	8.12.1995 OJ L 300, 13.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2937/95 of 20 December 1995 amending Regulation (EEC) No 2887/93 by imposing an additional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain electronic weighing scales originating in Singapore	20.12.1995 OJ L 307, 20.12.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 2962/95 of 18 December 1995 repealing Regulations (EEC) No 868/90 and (EEC) No 898/91 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain welded tubes, of iron or non-alloy steel, originating in Yugoslavia except Serbia and Montenegro, and Romania; and in Turkey and Venezuela respectively	18.12.1995 OJ L 308, 21.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3010/95 of 18 December 1995 totally or partially suspending the customs duties applicable to certain products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 and Chapter 27 of the Combined Nomenclature originating in Malta and Turkey (1995)	18.12.1995 OJ L 314, 28.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3023/95 of 22 December 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2878/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products (first series 1995)	22.12.1995 OJ L 315, 19.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3032/95 of 27 December 1995 amending Regulations (EC) No 3355/94, (EC) No 3356/94 and (EC) No 3357/94 concerning the arrangements applicable to imports into the Community of products originating in the Republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	27.12.1995 OJ L 316, 30.12.1995
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*Council Regulation (EC) No 3059/95 of 22 December 1995 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products (first series 1996)	22.12.1995 OJ L 326, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3060/95 of 22 December 1995 on the arrangements for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan	22.12.1995 OJ L 326, 30.12.1995

	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC) No 3063/95 of 22 December 1995 extending the measures provided for in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1767/95 establishing certain concessions in the form of Community tariff quotas in 1995 for certain agricultural products, including processed products, in favour of certain central and east European countries	22.12.1995 OJ L 328, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3064/95 of 22 December 1995 providing for the adjustment, as an autonomous and transitional measure, of concessions for certain processed agricultural products provided for in the Europe Agreements to take account of the Agreement on Agriculture concluded during the Uruguay Round Multilateral Trade Negotiations	22.12.1995 OJ L 328, 30.12.1995
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Council Regulation (EC) No 3057/95 of 22 December 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 1981/94 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain products originating in Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Occupied Territories, Tunisia and Turkey, and providing detailed rules for extending and adapting these tariff quotas	22.12.1995 OJ L 326, 30.12.1995
*Council Regulation (EC) No 3058/95 of 22 December 1995 extending into 1996 the application of Regulations (EEC) No 3833/90, (EEC) No 3835/90, (EEC) No 3900/91 and (EC) No 2651/95 applying generalized tariff preferences in respect of certain agricultural products originating in developing countries and amending certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 3282/94	22.12.1995 statements released to the public OJ L 326, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3061/95 of 22 December 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 992/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and fishery products originating in Norway	22.12.1995 OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 3093/95 of 22 December 1995 laying down the rates of duty to be applied by the Community resulting from negotiations under GATT Article XXIV.6 consequent upon the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden to the European Union	22.12.1995 OJ L 334, 30.12.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 5/96 of 22 December 1995 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of microwave ovens originating in the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and Thailand and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed	22.12.1995 OJ L 2, 4.1.1996
Council Regulation (EC) No 149/96 of 22 December 1995 extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, Croatia and Thailand	22.12.1995 OJ L 23, 30.1.1996

	Adoption
Council Decision 95/133/EC of 19 April 1995 authorizing the automatic renewal or maintenance in force of provisions governing matters covered by the common commercial policy contained in the friendship, trade and navigation treaties and trade agreements concluded between Member States and third countries	19.4.1995 OJ L 89, 21.4.1995
Council Decision 95/285/EC of 24 July 1995 accepting Resolution No 49 on short-term measures to ensure the security and the efficient functioning of the TIR transit regime	24.7.1995 OJ L 181, 1.8.1995
Council Decision 95/237/EC of 29 June 1995 on the extension of the legal protection of topographies of semiconductor products to persons from the United States of America	29.6.1995 OJ L 158, 8.7.1995
Council Decision 95/251/EC of 29 June 1995 on the progressive dismantling of certain quantitative restrictions on imports of certain ECSC products	29.6.1995 OJ L 159, 11.7.1995
INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS	
Council Regulation (EC) No 2610/95 of 30 October 1995 amending Regulation (EC) No 2965/94 setting up a Translation Centre for Bodies of the European Union	30.10.1995 OJ L 268, 10.11.1995
Council Decision 95/2/EC, Euratom, ECSC of 1 January 1995 determining the order in which the office of President of the Council shall be held	1.1.1995 OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
Council Decision 95/24/EC, Euratom, ECSC of 6 February 1995 amending the Council Decision of 6 December 1993 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, following the accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden	6.2.1995 OJ L 31, 10.2.1995
Decision 95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry	19.4.1995 OJ L 113, 19.5.1995
Council Decision of 20 February 1995 designating the Austrian, Finnish and Swedish representative organizations required to draw up lists of candidates for the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community	20.2.1995 OJ C 49, 28.2.1995
ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT	
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 793/95 of 31 March 1995 adjusting the weightings applicable to the remuneration of officials serving in third countries	31.3.1995 OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 838/95 of 10 April 1995 amending Regulation (ECSC, EEC, Euratom) No 1826/69 laying down the form of the laissez-passer to be issued to members and servants of the institutions	10.4.1995 OJ L 85, 19.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 840/95 of 10 April 1995 amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2290/77 determining the emoluments of the members of the Court of Auditors	10.4.1995 OJ L 85, 19.4.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 1197/95 of 22 May 1995 amending Regulation (ECSC, EC, Euratom) No 3161/94 as regards the weightings applied in Austria, Finland and Sweden	22.5.1995 OJ L 119, 30.5.1995

	Adoption
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2356/95 of 5 October 1995 laying down the weightings applicable from 1 January 1994 to the remuneration of officials of the European Communities serving in third countries	5.10.1995 OJ L 241, 10.10.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2357/95 of 5 October 1995 adjusting the weightings applicable in Greece and Italy (except Varese) to the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities	5.10.1995 OJ L 241, 10.10.1995
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom, ECSC) No 2963/95 of 18 December 1995 adjusting the remuneration and pensions of officials and other servants of the European Communities and the weightings applied thereto	18.12.1995 OJ L 310, 22.12.1995
Council Decision 95/358/EC, Euratom of 29 June 1995 on the granting of daily allowances to Members of the Economic and Social Committee, substitutes and experts	29.6.1995 OJ L 205, 31.8.1995

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Table IV: Council assents within the framework of the ECSC Treaty

	Publication
Assent No 1/95 given by the Council, pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, to enable the Commission to grant a conversion loan of ESP 2 390 million (± ECU 15.115 million) to Industria de Turbo Propulsores SA	OJ C 52, 3.3.1995
Assent No 2/95 given by the Council pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community	OJ C 98, 21.4.1995
Assent No 3/95 given by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, pursuant to Article 55(2) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, concerning the granting of financial aid for technical steel research projects and pilot/demonstration projects	OJ C 178, 13.7.1995
Assent No 4/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, for the granting of a loan to Verbundnetz Gas AG, Leipzig, for the co-financing of an investment project facilitating the marketing of Community steel — DEM 12 million	OJ C 178, 13.7.1995
Assent No 5/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, for the granting of a loan to Verbundnetz Gas AG, Leipzig, for the co-financing of an investment project facilitating the marketing of Community steel — DEM 40 million	OJ C 178, 13.7.1995
Assent No 6/95 given by the Council pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community	OJ C 272, 18.10.1995
Assent No 7/95 given by the Council, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, to enable the Commission to grant ECU 18 500 000 from the levies provided for in Article 50 of that Treaty as financial aid to 29 projects of technical coal research, 1995	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995
Assent No 8/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community with a view to granting loans under the 12th programme for the financing of housing for workers in the ECSC industries	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995
Assent No 9/95 given by the Council, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, for the adoption of a reserve list of projects for technical steel research	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995
Assent No 10/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, to the granting of a loan to Sidex SA, Galati, Romania	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995
Assent No 11/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, in respect of a State aid (Austria) to Voest Alpine Erzberg GmbH	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995

	Publication
Assent No 12/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 54 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, for the joint financing of work for the construction of a high-speed railway line between Rome and Naples	OJ C 310, 22.11.1995
Assent No 13/95 given by the Council, acting unanimously pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community, concerning a draft Commission Decision on State aid for the restructuring of Irish Steel	OJ C 13, 18.1.1996
Assent No 14/95 given by the Council pursuant to Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community	OJ C 13, 18.1.1996

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Table V: Other acts

	Publication
ENLARGEMENT	
Information concerning the date of entry into force of the Treaty between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union — Joint Declaration on Article 31 of the Decision adjusting the instruments concerning the accession of the new Member States to the European Union	OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROGRESS TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION	
Council Recommendation 95/326/EC of 10 July 1995 on the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and of the Community	OJ L 191, 12.8.1995
Council Resolution of 20 November 1995 on the promotion of statistics on culture and economic growth	OJ C 327, 7.12.1995
INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS	
Decision 95/167/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 19 April 1995 on the detailed provisions governing the exercise of the European Parliament's right of inquiry	19/4/1995 OJ L 113, 19.5.1995
FINANCING OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	
Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 March 1995 on the incorporation of financial provisions into legislative acts	OJ C 102, 4.4.1996
Council Recommendation 95/111/EC of 20 March 1995 concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1979) (Fifth EDF) for the financial year 1993	OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
Council Recommendation 95/112/EC of 20 March 1995 concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1984) (Sixth EDF) for the financial year 1993	OJ L 80, 8.4.1995

	Publication
Council Recommendation 95/113/EC of 20 March 1995 concerning the discharge to be given to the Commission in respect of the implementation of the operations of the European Development Fund (1989) (Seventh EDF) for the financial year 1993	OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
INTERNAL MARKET	
Council Resolution of 29 June 1995 on the effective uniform application of Community law and on the penalties applicable for breaches of Community law in the internal market	OJ C 188, 22.7.1995
<i>Removal of trade barriers</i>	
Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to lifts	OJ L 213, 7.9.1995
<i>Customs union</i>	
Council Resolution of 23 November 1995 on the computerization of customs transit systems	OJ C 327, 7.12.1995
<i>Telecommunications</i>	
Council Resolution of 29 June 1995 on the further development of mobile and personal communications in the European Union	OJ C 188, 22.7.1995
Council Resolution of 18 September 1995 on the implementation of the future regulatory framework for telecommunications	OJ C 258, 3.10.1995
TRANSPORT	
<i>Inland transport</i>	
Council Resolution of 19 June 1995 on the development of rail transport and combined transport	OJ C 169, 5.7.1995
Council Resolution of 19 June 1995 on social harmonization in road freight transport in the internal market	OJ C 169, 5.7.1995
Council Resolution of 28 September 1995 on the deployment of telematics in the road transport sector	OJ C 264, 11.10.1995
<i>Air transport</i>	
Council Resolution of 19 June 1995 on relocation in air transport	OJ C 169, 5.7.1995
Council Resolution of 17 November 1995 on problems caused by congestion and crisis situations in air traffic in Europe	OJ C 317, 28.11.1995

	Publication
SOCIAL POLICY	
Council Resolution of 27 March 1995 on the transposition and application of Community social legislation	OJ C 168, 4.7.1995
Council Resolution of 27 March 1995 on the balanced participation of men and women in decision-making	OJ C 168, 4.7.1995
Resolution of the Council and of the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 29 June 1995 on the employment of older workers	OJ C 228, 2.9.1995
Resolution of the Council and of the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 5 October 1995 on the image of women and men portrayed in advertising and the media	OJ C 296, 10.11.1995
Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 5 October 1995 on the fight against racism and xenophobia in the fields of employment and social affairs	OJ C 296, 10.11.1995
EDUCATION	
Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission concerning Decision 819/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 March 1995 establishing the Community action programme 'Socrates'	OJ L 132, 16.6.1995
Council Resolution of 31 March 1995 on improving and diversifying language learning and teaching within the education systems of the European Union	OJ C 207, 12.8.1995
Council conclusions of 24 July 1995 on the importance and implications of the quality of vocational training	OJ C 207, 12.8.1995
Resolution of the Council and of the representatives of Member States' governments meeting within the Council of 23 October 1995 on the response of educational systems to the problems of racism and xenophobia	OJ C 312, 23.11.1995
Council conclusions of 23 October 1995 on social participation as a factor for quality in education prior to university education	OJ C 312, 23.11.1995
YOUTH	
Council Resolution of 31 March 1995 on cooperation in the field of youth information and studies concerning youth	OJ C 207, 12.8.1995
Council Resolution of 5 October 1995 on cooperation with third countries in the youth field	OJ C 296, 10.11.1995
CULTURE	
Council Resolution of 4 April 1995 on culture and the multimedia	OJ C 247, 23.9.1995

	Publication
Council Resolution of 4 April 1995 concerning cooperation with the associated countries of central and eastern Europe in the cultural domain	OJ C 247, 23.9.1995
PUBLIC HEALTH	
Council Resolution of 2 June 1995 on blood safety and self-sufficiency in the Community	OJ C 164, 30.6.1995
Council Resolution of 9 November 1995 on products presented as being beneficial to health	Press release No 11175/95 Presse 310
Council conclusions of 30 November 1995 concerning the report on the state of health in the European Community	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
Council Resolution of 20 December 1995 on the integration of health protection requirements in Community policies	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
Council Resolution of 20 December 1995 on orphan drugs	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
Council Resolution of 20 December 1995 on mutual recognition of the validity of medical prescriptions in the Member States	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
Council Resolution of 20 December 1995 on medicinal plant preparations	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
Council Resolution of 20 December 1995 on generic medicinal products	OJ C 350, 30.12.1995
CONSUMER PROTECTION	
Council Resolution of 9 November 1995 on consumer education and information	Press release No 11175/95 Presse 310
Council Resolution of 9 November 1995 on consumer credit	Press release No 11175/95 Presse 310
INDUSTRY	
Council Resolution of 27 November 1995 on the strengthening of the competitiveness of the European mechanical engineering industry	OJ C 341, 19.12.1995
Council Resolution of 27 November 1995 on small and medium-sized industrial enterprises (SMEs) and technological innovation	OJ C 341, 19.12.1995
Council Resolution of 27 November 1995 on the industrial aspects for the European Union in the development of the information society	OJ C 341, 19.12.1995

	Publication
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT	
Council Resolution of 28 September 1995 on CREST	OJ C 264, 11.10.1995
ENVIRONMENT	
Council Resolution of 20 February 1995 on groundwater protection	OJ C 49, 28.2.1995
ENERGY	
Council Resolution of 23 November 1995 on the Green Paper 'For a European Union Energy Policy'	OJ C 327, 7.12.1995

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Table VI: International agreements

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
INTERNAL MARKET			
Decision 95/145/EC, ECSC of the Council and the Commission of 10 April 1995 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Communities and the Government of the United States of America regarding the application of their competition laws			10.4.1995 OJ L 95, 27.4.1995
Council Decision 95/215/EC of 29 May 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of exchange of letters between the European Community and the United States of America on government procurement			29/5/1995 OJ L 134, 20.6.1995
Council Decision 95/567/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Bolivia on precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances	18.12.1995		18.12.1995 OJ L 324, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/568/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Colombia on precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances	18.12.1995		18.12.1995 OJ L 324, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/569/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Ecuador on precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances	18.12.1995		18.12.1995 OJ L 324, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/570/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Peru on precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances	18.12.1995		18.12.1995 OJ L 324, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/571/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Venezuela on precursors and chemical substances frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances	18.12.1995		18.12.1995 OJ L 324, 30.12.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
AGRICULTURE			
Council Decision 95/327/EC of 17 July 1995 amending the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters adjusting the quantities provided for in the voluntary restraint agreements concluded by the European Community with Australia and New Zealand respectively on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat as a result of the enlargement of the Community			17.7.1995 OJ L 191, 12.8.1995
Council Decision 95/582/EC of 20 December 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of exchanges of letters between the European Community, of the one part, and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation, of the other part, concerning certain agricultural products			20.12.1995 OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
FISHERIES			
Council Regulation (EC) No 1892/95 of 29 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing for the period 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1997 the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on fishing off the coast of Equatorial Guinea			29.6.1995 OJ L 180, 31.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1893/95 of 29 June 1995 relating to the conclusions of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial consideration provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros on fishing off Comoros for the period 20 July 1994 to 19 July 1997			29.6.1995 OJ L 180, 31.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1894/95 of 29 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 1994 to 30 June 1997			29.6.1995 OJ L 180, 31.7.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 1882/95 of 29 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing possibilities and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on fishing off the coast of Senegal for the period 2 October 1994 to 1 October 1996			29.6.1995 OJ L 193, 16.8.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Council Regulation (EC) No 2028/95 of 29 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde for the period from 6 September 1994 to 5 September 1997			29.6.1995 OJ L 199, 24.8.1995
Council Regulation (EC) No 2663/95 of 24 July 1995 on the conclusion of the Protocol establishing, for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1995, the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast			24.7.1995 OJ L 278, 21.11.1995
Council Decision 95/56/EC of 6 March 1995 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community, on the one part, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands, on the other part, amending Tables I and II of the Annex to Protocol 1 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community of the one part and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faeroe Islands of the other part signed on 2 December 1991			6.3.1995 OJ L 54, 10.3.1995
Council Decision 95/312/EC of 24 July 1995 on the conclusion of an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway consequent on the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union			24.7.1995 OJ L 187, 8.8.1995
Council Decision 95/334/EC of 23 January 1995 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol establishing the fishing possibilities and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on fishing off the coast of Senegal, for the period from 2 October 1994 to 1 October 1996			23.1.1995 OJ L 193, 16.8.1995
Council Decision 95/490/EC of 17 November 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol defining, for the period 21 May 1995 to 20 May 1998, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Madagascar on fishing off Madagascar			17.11.1995 OJ L 282, 24.11.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Council Decision 95/540/EC of 7 December 1995 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Kingdom of Morocco initialled in Brussels on 13 November 1995			7.12.1995 OJ L 306, 19.12.1995
Council Decision 95/546/EC of 17 April 1995 on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and Canada on fisheries in the context of the NAFO Convention	20.4.1995	17.4.1995 OJ L 308, 21.12.1995	
Council Decision 95/565/EC of 30 November 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol establishing the fishing possibilities and the financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 1995 to 15 June 1997			30.11.1995 OJ L 322, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/586/EC of 22 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement constituted in the form of an agreed minute, an exchange of letters, an exchange of notes and the Annexes thereto between the European Community and Canada on fisheries in the context of the NAFO Convention	20.4.1995		22.12.1995 OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
EDUCATION			
Council Decision 95/487/EC of 23 October 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and vocational educational and training			23.10.1995 OJ L 279, 22.11.1995
Council Decision 95/523/EC of 27 November 1995 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and Canada establishing a cooperation programme in higher education and training			27.11.1995 OJ L 300, 13.12.1995
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT			
Memorandum of understanding for cooperation between the European Atomic Energy Community and the Government of Canada in the field of controlled nuclear fusion	25.7.1995		20.2.1995
ENVIRONMENT			
Council Decision 95/308/EC of 24 July 1995 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, of the Convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes	18.3.1992		24.7.1995 OJ L 186, 5.8.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Draft revision of the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea and the Protocols thereto	10.6.1995		
ENERGY			
Agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy between the European Atomic Energy Community and the United States of America	7.11.1995		3.8.1995
RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE BALTIC STATES AND SLOVENIA			
Council and Commission Decision 95/558/EC, Euratom of 4 December 1995 concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part	20.7.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 317, 30.12.1995
Council and Commission Decision 95/559/EC, Euratom of 4 December 1995 concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Hungary, of the other part	13.7.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 317, 30.12.1995
Council and Commission Decision 95/560/EC, Euratom of 4 December 1995 concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part	17.7.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 317, 30.12.1995
Council and Commission Decision 95/561/EC, Euratom of 4 December 1995 concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part	30.6.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 317, 30.12.1995
Council and Commission Decision 95/562/EC, Euratom of 4 December 1995 concluding the Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part	24.8.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 317, 30.12.1995
Additional Protocol to the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part	11.12.1995		
Draft Europe Agreement with Latvia	12.6.1995		
Draft Europe Agreement with Lithuania	12.6.1995		
Draft Europe Agreement with Estonia	12.6.1995		

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA			
Council Decision 95/414/EC of 17 July 1995 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part	17.7.1995		17.7.1995 OJ L 247, 13.10.1995
Council Decision 95/541/EC of 4 December 1995 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part	1.6.1995		4.12.1995 OJ L 311, 23.12.1995
Draft Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kazakhstan	23.1.1995		
Draft Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kyrgyzstan	9.2.1995		
Draft Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Belarus	6.3.1995		
Draft Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters with the Republic of Moldova	2.10.1995		
Draft Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters with Kazakhstan	5.12.1995		
RELATIONS WITH SOUTH-EAST EUROPE			
Council Decision 95/484/EC of 30 October 1995 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Malta	12.6.1995		30.10.1995 OJ L 278, 21.11.1995
Council Decision 95/485/EC of 30 October 1995 on the conclusion of a Protocol on financial and technical cooperation between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus	12.6.1995		30.10.1995 OJ L 278, 21.11.1995
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP — MASHREQ AND MAGHREB			
Council Decision 95/67/EC of 6 March 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Yemen Arab Republic			6.3.1995 OJ L 57, 15.3.1995
Council and Commission Decision 96/206/ECSC, EC of 22 December 1995 on the conclusion by the European Community of an Interim Agreement on trade and trade-related matters between the European Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the State of Israel on the other part			22.12.1995 OJ L 71, 20.3.1996

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Draft Euro-Mediterranean Agreement with Tunisia	17.7.1995		
Draft Euro-Mediterranean Agreement with Israel	20.11.1995		

RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Council Decision 95/67/EC of 6 March 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters amending the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Yemen Arab Republic			6.3.1995 OJ L 57, 15.3.1995
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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Council Decision 96/88/EC of 19 December 1995 concerning the approval by the European Community of the Grains Trade Convention and the Food Aid Convention, constituting the International Grains Agreement 1995	30.6.1995		19.12.1995 OJ L 21, 27.1.1996
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RELATIONS WITH THE ACP STATES

Council Decision 95/185/EC of 22 May 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the accession of the Republic of Zambia to Protocol No 8 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Fourth ACP-EEC Convention			22.5.1995 OJ L 120, 31.5.1995
Council Decision 95/284/EC of 17 July 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Kitts and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia, the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the supply of raw cane sugar to be refined			17.7.1995 OJ L 181, 1.8.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Council Decision 95/518/EC of 29 November 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia, the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1994/95 delivery period			29.11.1995 OJ L 299, 12.12.1995
Lomé IV Convention: mid-term review	4.11.1995		
Draft Protocol: adjustment of Lomé IV Convention as a result of enlargement	4.11.1995		
RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES			
Council Decision 96/205/EC of 20 November 1995 concerning the provisional application of certain provisions of the Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Southern Common Market and its Party States, of the other part		20.11.95 OJ L 69, 19.3.1996	
Council Decision 95/445/EC of 30 October 1995 concerning the conclusion of the Framework Agreement for cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil	29.6.1992		30.10.1995 OJ L 262, 1.11.1995
Draft Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation with Mercosur	15.12.1995		
RELATIONS WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES			
Council Decision 95/129/EC of 27 March 1995 concerning the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Partnership and Development	8.7.1994		27.3.1995 OJ L 85, 19.4.1995
Draft Cooperation Agreement with Vietnam	17.7.1995		
Draft Framework Agreement with Nepal	20.11.1995		
COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY			
<i>General matters</i>			
Council Decision 95/136/EC of 14 March 1995 relating to the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and Austria pursuant to Article XXVIII of the GATT			14.3.1995 OJ L 91, 22.4.1995 against: GR, IT

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Council Decision 95/137/EC of 7 April 1995 on the signature, by the Community, without reservation of ratification, on the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers used in International Transport (Geneva, 21 January 1994)	11.4.1995		7.4.1995 OJ L 91, 22.4.1995
Council Decision 95/591/EC of 22 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of the results of negotiations with certain third countries under GATT Article XXIV:6 and other related matters			22.12.1995 OJ L 334, 30.12.1995
Council Decision 95/592/EC of 22 December 1995 concerning the conclusion of the results of negotiations with certain third countries under GATT Article XXIV:6 and other related matters			22.12.1995 OJ L 334, 30.12.1995
<i>Individual sectors — Textiles</i>			
Council Decision 95/131/EC of 20 February 1995 on the provisional application of certain Agreements between the European Community and certain third countries on trade in textile products	20.2.1995 OJ L 94, 26.4.1995		
Council Decision 95/155/EC of 10 April 1995 on the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on trade in textile products not covered by the MFA bilateral Agreement on trade in textile products initialled on 9 December 1988 as extended and modified by the exchange of letters initialled on 8 December 1992	10.4.1995 OJ L 104, 6.5.1995		
Council Decision 95/440/EC of 13 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the People's Republic of China on the modification of certain provisions of the 1988 MFA bilateral Agreement on trade in textile products between the European Community and the People's Republic of China			13.6.1995 OJ L 261 31.10.1995
Council Decision 95/441/EC of 13 June 1995 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Mongolia on trade in textile products			13.6.1995 OJ L 261, 31.10.1995
Council Decision 95/566/EC of 18 December 1995 concerning the provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on trade in textile and clothing products		18.12.1995 OJ L 322, 30.12.1995	
Council Decision 95/590/EC of 18 September 1995 concerning the conclusion of additional Protocols between the European Community and the Czech Republic, for the first part, and between the European Community and the Slovak Republic, for the second part, to the Europe Agreement, on trade in textile products between the European Economic Community and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic			18.9.1995 OJ L 331, 30.12.1995

	Signing	Provisional application	Conclusion
Council Decision 96/163/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of a Protocol on trade in textile and clothing products between the European Community and the Republic of Slovenia		22.12.1995 OJ L 41, 19.2.1996	
Council Decision 96/207/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of two Agreements in the form of Agreed Minutes between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on trade in textile and clothing products		22.12.1995 OJ L 73, 21.3.1996	
Council Decision 96/223/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of certain agreements between the European Community and certain third countries on trade in textile products		22.12.1995 OJ L 81, 30.3.1996	
Council Decision 96/224/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of certain bilateral agreements between the European Community and certain third countries on trade in textile products (Belarus, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Ukraine)		22.12.1995 OJ L 81, 30.3.1996	
Council Decision 96/225/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of certain bilateral agreements between the European Community and certain third countries on trade in textile products (Bulgaria, the People's Republic of China, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Uzbekistan)		22.12.1995 OJ L 81, 30.3.1996	
Council Decision 96/226/EC of 22 December 1995 on the provisional application of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Russian Federation on trade in textile products		22.12.1995 OJ L 81, 30.3.1996	
Arrangement with Turkey on trade in clothing products			18.9.1995

Annex 2:

Acts adopted by the Council within the framework of cooperation in the fields of justice and home affairs

The table given in this Annex shows the Council's activities in 1995 within the framework of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union. On the basis of the fields covered by Chapter J of Part I of this report, the table lists acts expressly provided for in Article K.3 of Title VI as well as other acts adopted by the Council in this field.

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	Adoption	Publication
GENERAL		
Joint Action of 25 September 1995 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on measures implementing Article K.1 of the Treaty	25.9.1995	OJ L 238, 6.10.1995
Council Decision of 25 September 1995 concerning the implementation of the joint action on measures implementing Article K.1 of the Treaty on European Union	25.9.1995	OJ L 238, 6.10.1995
ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION		
Council Resolution of 20 June 1995 on minimum guarantees for asylum procedures	20.6.1995	OJ C 274, 19.9.1996
Council Recommendation of 24 July 1995 on the guiding principles to be followed in drawing up protocols on the implementation of readmission agreements	24.7.1995	OJ C 274, 19.9.1996
Council Resolution of 25 September 1995 on burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of displaced persons on a temporary basis	25.9.1995	OJ C 262, 7.10.1995
Council Decision of 23 November 1995 on publication in the <i>Official Journal of the European Communities</i> of acts and other texts adopted by the Council in the field of asylum and immigration	23.11.1995	OJ C 274, 19.9.1996
Council Recommendation of 22 December 1995 on harmonizing means of combating illegal immigration and illegal employment and improving the relevant means of control	22.12.1995	OJ C 5, 10.1.1996
Council Recommendation of 22 December 1995 on concerted action and cooperation in carrying out expulsion measures	22.12.1995	OJ C 5, 10.1.1996
Council Decision of 22 December 1995 on monitoring the implementation of instruments already adopted concerning admission of third-country nationals	22.12.1995	OJ C 11, 16.1.1996
POLICE AND CUSTOMS COOPERATION		
Council Resolution of 17 January 1995 on the lawful interception of telecommunications	17.1.1995	
Joint Action of 10 March 1995 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the Europol Drugs Unit	10.3.1995	OJ L 62, 20.3.1995

	Adoption	Publication
Agreement on provisional application between certain Member States of the European Union of the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union on the use of information technology for customs purposes	26.7.1995	OJ C 316, 27.11.1995
Council Act of 26 July 1995 drawing up the Convention on the use of information technology for customs purposes	26.7.1995	OJ C 316, 27.11.1995
Council Act of 26 July 1995 drawing up the Convention based on Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention)	26.7.1995	OJ C 316, 27.11.1995
La Gomera Declaration on terrorism	23.11.1995	Press release No 11720/95 Presse 332
JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS		
Council Act of 10 March 1995 drawing up the Convention on simplified extradition procedures between the Member States of the European Union	10.3.1995	OJ C 78, 30.3.1995
Council Act of 26 July 1995 drawing up the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests	26.7.1995	OJ C 316, 27.11.1995
Council Resolution of 23 November 1995 on the protection of witnesses in the fight against international organized crime	23.11.1995	OJ C 327, 7.12.1995
Council conclusions concerning extradition	23.11.1995	Press release No 11720/95 Presse 332

Annex 3:

Acts adopted by the Council within the framework of the common foreign and security policy

The table given in this Annex shows the Council's activities in 1995 within the framework of Title V of the Treaty on European Union. On the basis of the fields covered by Part II of this report, the table lists acts CFSP political and legal instruments as provided for in Title V of the Treaty.

Table I shows joint actions adopted by the Council in accordance with Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, whereas Table II contains common positions adopted by the Council in accordance with Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union.

Table III sets out statements by the European Union (EU) and statements by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (P/EU), excluding statements by the Presidency in its own capacity. Asterisks indicate statements endorsed by the CEEC (*), statements endorsed by EFTA Member States participating in the EEA (**), and statements endorsed by the CEEC, Cyprus and Malta (associated countries) and EFTA/EEA (***)

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Table I: Joint actions

	Reference	Publication
Security		
Council Decision of 10 April 1995 amending Decision 94/942/CFSP on the joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union governing the control of exports of dual-use goods	95/127/CFSP	OJ L 90, 21.4.1995
Council Decision of 10 April 1995 amending Decision 94/942/CFSP on the joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union governing the control of exports of dual-use goods	95/128/CFSP	OJ L 90, 21.4.1995
Council Decision of 12 May 1995 concerning the joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union on anti-personnel mines	95/170/CFSP	OJ L 115, 22.5.1995
Former Yugoslavia		
Council Decision of 6 February 1995 supplementing Decision 94/790/CFSP concerning the joint action, adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on continued support for European Union administration of the town of Mostar	95/23/CFSP	OJ L 33, 13.2.1995
Council Decision of 4 December 1995 adapting and extending the application of Decision 93/603/CFSP concerning the joint action decided on by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union on support for the conveying of humanitarian aid in Bosnia and Herzegovina	95/516/CFSP	OJ L 298, 11.12.1995
Council Decision of 4 December 1995 concerning the joint action, adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on continued support for European Union administration of the town of Mostar	95/517/CFSP	OJ L 298, 11.12.1995
Joint action of 11 December 1995 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union with regard to the participation of the Union in the implementing structures of the peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina	95/545/CFSP	OJ L 309, 21.12.1995
Council Decision of 19 December 1995 supplementing Decision 95/517/CFSP concerning the joint action, adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on continued support for European Union administration of the town of Mostar	95/552/CFSP	OJ L 313, 27.12.1995

	Reference	Publication
Middle East peace process		
Council Decision of 1 June 1995 supplementing Decision 94/276/CFSP on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, in support of the Middle East peace process	95/205/CFSP	OJ L 130, 14.6.1995
Council Decision of 25 September 1995 supplementing Decision 94/276/CFSP on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article J.3 of the Treaty on European Union, in support of the Middle East peace process, concerning the observation of elections to the Palestinian Council and the coordination of the international operation for observing the elections	95/403/CFSP	OJ L 238, 6.10.1995

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Table II: Common positions

	Reference	Publication
Security		
Common position of 18 September 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, concerning blinding lasers	95/379/CFSP	OJ L 227, 22.9.1995
Former Yugoslavia		
Council Decision of 23 January 1995 concerning the common position, defined on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, and regarding the extension of the suspension of certain restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	95/11/CFSP	OJ L 20, 27.1.1995
Common position of 28 April 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union with regard to the extension of the suspension of certain restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	95/150/CFSP	OJ L 99, 29.4.1995
Common position of 12 June 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union on the suspension of certain restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	95/213/CFSP	OJ L 138, 21.6.1995
Common position of 7 July 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union with regard to the extension of the suspension of certain restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	95/254/CFSP	OJ L 160, 11.7.1995
Common position of 19 September 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union with regard to the extension of the suspension of certain restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	95/378/CFSP	OJ L 227, 22.9.1995
Common position of 4 December 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union with regard to the suspension of the restrictions on trade with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and with the Bosnian Serbs	95/511/CFSP	OJ L 297, 9.12.1995
Africa		
Common position of 24 March 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, with regard to Burundi	95/91/CFSP	OJ L 72, 1.4.1995

	Reference	Publication
Council Decision of 6 June 1995 on the implementation of the common position of 24 March 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, with regard to Burundi	95/206/CFSP	OJ L 130, 14.6.1995
Common position of 2 October 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union on Angola	95/413/CFSP	OJ L 245, 12.10.1995
Common position of 20 November 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, on Nigeria	95/515/CFSP	OJ L 298, 11.12.1995
Common position of 4 December 1995 defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union, on Nigeria	95/544/CFSP	OJ L 309, 21.12.1995
General — Organization		
Council Decision of 6 October 1995 on a common position defined by the Council on the basis of Article J.2 of the Treaty on European Union on the possible grouping of diplomatic missions		Press release No 10208/95 Presse 275

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Table III: Statements

No. statement	Date of publication	Subject	
001	P/EU	5.1.1995	Palestine Peace process
002	P/EU	17.1.1995	Chechnya Continuing fighting
003	P/EU	20.1.1995	Somalia Kidnapping of R. Marcq
004	EU	23.1.1995	Israel Attack in Netanya
005	EU	23.1.1995	Algeria Situation in Algeria
006	EU	23.1.1995	Former Yugoslavia Peaceful resolution of the conflict
007	EU	23.1.1995	Chechnya Cessation of fighting
008*	P/EU	30.1.1995	Algeria Accession to NPT (Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons)
009	P/EU	30.1.1995	Sri Lanka Situation in Sri Lanka
010	P/EU	30.1.1995	Afghanistan National reconciliation plan
011	P/EU	1.2.1995	Ecuador and Peru Frontier conflict
012	P/EU	1.2.1995	Algeria Attack on 30 January
013	EU	6.2.1995	Middle East Cairo Summit
014	EU	6.2.1995	Former Yugoslavia Overall resolution of the conflicts
015	EU	6.2.1995	Chechnya Situation in Chechnya
016*	P/EU	7.2.1995	Niger Legislative elections
017	P/EU	13.2.1995	Indonesia Situation of the trade union leader Muchtar Pakpahan
018	P/EU	13.2.1995	Iran Sixth anniversary of the fatwa against Salman Rushdie
019	P/EU	14.2.1995	Sierra Leone Crisis/violent attacks
020	P/EU	15.2.1995	Albania Release of members of the OMONIA movement

No. statement		Date of publication	Subject	
021*	P/EU	21.2.1995	Angola	Progress towards peace
022*	P/EU	28.2.1995	Argentina	Accession to NPT (Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons)
023	P/EU	28.2.1995	Pakistan	Verdict of not guilty for R. and S. Massih
024*	P/EU	28.2.1995	China	South China Sea
025	P/EU	3.3.1995	North Korea	Expulsion of Polish officers
026*	P/EU	13.3.1995	Burma	Ethnic minorities
027	P/EU	19.3.1995	Burundi	National reconciliation
028*	P/EU	20.3.1995	Kazakhstan	Constitutional situation
029*	P/EU	21.3.1995	Gambia	Restoration of constitutional government
030	P/EU	20.3.1995	Sri Lanka	Political solution
031*	P/EU	22.3.1995	Nigeria	Arrests of prominent figures
032	P/EU	1.4.1995	Chechnya	Upsurge in fighting
033**	EU	5.4.1995	Turkey	Intervention in northern Iraq
034	P/EU	5.4.1995	Cuba	Helms-Burton bill
035	P/EU	7.4.1995	Kazakhstan	Internal political situation
036	EU	11.4.1995	Turkey	Intervention in northern Iraq
037	EU	11.4.1995	Israel	Support for Palestinian elections
038	P/EU	19.4.1995	Chechnya	Events in Samashki
039	P/EU	20.4.1995	United States	Bomb attack in Oklahoma City
040	P/EU	21.4.1995	Sri Lanka	Attack by the LTTE on 19 April
041	P/EU	24.4.1995	Rwanda	Violence in Kibeho camp
042	P/EU	4.5.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Resumption of hostilities in Croatia

No. statement		Date of publication	Subject	
043	P/EU	10.5.1995	Angola	Meeting between Dos Santos and Savimbi
044	P/EU	10.5.1995	Niger	Peace agreement between the Government and the Tuareg rebels
045	P/EU	6.5.1995	Croatia	Call to engage in negotiations
046	P/EU	9.5.1995	Turkey	Withdrawal of troops from northern Iraq
047 Statement by the Council and the Commission		12.5.1995	Rwanda	Kibeho — aid programmes
048	P/EU	12.5.1995	Israel	Expropriation of land in East Jerusalem
049	P/EU	18.5.1995	Sierra Leone	Release of 10 hostages
050*	P/EU	22.5.1995	Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons	Indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
051	EU	29.5.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
052	P/EU	29.5.1995	Sri Lanka	Attack on village
053	P/EU	29.5.1995	Russia	Sakhalin earthquake
054	P/EU	2.6.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Merging of Krajina and Bosnia and Herzegovina
055*	P/EU	7.6.1995	Chile	Accession to Treaty on Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
056	P/EU	7.6.1995	China	Human rights
057	P/EU	9.6.1995	Chile	Letelier case — operation of the judicial system
058	EU	12.6.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Hostage releases/Bildt appointment
059	P/EU	15.6.1995	Colombia	Arrest of head of Cali cartel
060	P/EU	16.6.1995	South Africa	Abolition of the death penalty
061	P/EU	16.6.1995	Russia	Hostage-taking in Budennovsk
062	P/EU	23.6.1995	Burundi	Acts of violence

No. statement		Date of publication	Subject	
063	P/EU	30.6.1995	Nigeria	General situation in Nigeria
064	P/EU	30.6.1995	Haiti	Conduct of elections on 25 June
065*	P/EU	7.7.1995	Zaire	Respect for the principles of the rule of law
066*	P/EU	13.7.1995	Burma	Release of Miss Aung San Suu Kyi
067	P/EU	12.7.1995	Gulf States	Ministerial Meeting between the EU and GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council)
068	P/EU	13.7.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Situation in Srebrenica
069	P/EU	14.7.1995	Vietnam	Establishment of diplomatic relations with the EU
070	P/EU	24.7.1995	Israel	Ramat-Gan/Tel-Aviv attack
071*	P/EU	28.7.1995	Guinea	First free general election
072*	P/EU	31.7.1995	Gabon	Constitutional referendum for 23 July
073	EU	1.8.1995	Helsinki Act	20th anniversary of signing of Final Act
074	P/EU	4.8.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Resumption of hostilities in Croatia
075*	P/EU	10.8.1995	Sri Lanka	Efforts for peaceful settlement of the ethnic issue
076	P/EU	18.8.1995	São Tomé and Príncipe	Military coup d'état on 15 August
077	P/EU	21.8.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Situation around Dubrovnik
078	P/EU	22.8.1995	Israel	Terrorist attack in Jerusalem (21 August)
079	P/EU	24.8.1995	São Tomé and Príncipe	Coup d'état — restoration of constitutional legality
080	P/EU	31.8.1995	Georgia	Assassination attempt on Georgian Head of State Mr Shevardnadze
081*	P/EU	8.9.1995	Sudan	Release of political detainees
082	P/EU	8.9.1995	Liberia	Peace agreement between the main factions
083	P/EU	12.9.1995	Libya	Expulsion of Palestinian citizens
084*	P/EU	12.9.1995	Guatemala	Contadora Declaration

No. statement	Date of publication	Subject		
085	P/EU	22.9.1995	Former Yugoslavia	Cessation of hostilities in Sarajevo
086	P/EU	25.9.1995	Middle East	Peace process
087*	P/EU	26.9.1995	Ethiopia	Democratic process
088*	P/EU	29.9.1995	Comoros	Coup d'état on 28 September
089	EU	2.10.1995	Russia	Accession to the Council of Europe
090	EU	2.10.1995	Nigeria	Return to civilian democratic rule
091*	P/EU	5.10.1995	Burundi	Murder of three Italian citizens
092	P/EU	11.10.1995	Cuba	Helms-Burton bill
093	P/EU	12.10.1995	Guatemala	Tragic events on 5 October
094*	P/EU	20.10.1995	Nigeria	Commutation of death sentences to severe sentences
095	P/EU	20.10.1995	United Nations	Financial situation
096	P/EU	10.11.1995	Philippines	Peace talks with the MNLF
097***	P/EU	9.11.1995	Nigeria	Trial of Mr Ken Saro-Wiwa
098	EU	10.11.1995	Nigeria	Execution of Mr Ken Saro-Wiwa and his co-defendants
099	P/EU	14.11.1995	Saudi Arabia	Terrorist attack
100	P/EU	15.11.1995	Sri Lanka	Massacres by the LTTE
101	EU	20.11.1995	Algeria	Presidential elections
102*+**	P/EU	14.12.1995	China	Sentence pronounced against dissident, Mr Wei Jing Xeng
103*+**	P/EU	15.12.1995	Burma	Dialogue on constitutional reform
104***	P/EU	21.12.1995	Tanzania	Multi-party presidential and parliamentary elections
105***	P/EU	20.12.1995	Russia	Legislative elections on 17 December
106	P/EU	21.12.1995	Azerbaijan	Elections

Annex 4:

Acts adopted by the Council within the framework of the accession procedure

In the light of the applications for accession to the European Union submitted in 1995 (see Chapter A of Part II), the Council has adopted a series of acts in compliance with the procedure provided for in Article O of the Treaty on European Union.

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	Adoption	Publication
Council Decision of 17 July 1995 to implement the procedures laid down in Article O of the Treaty on European Union following the application for accession submitted by Romania	17/7/1995	Press release 9009/95 Presse 223
Council Decision of 17 July 1995 to implement the procedures laid down in Article O of the Treaty on European Union following the application for accession submitted by Slovakia	17/7/1995	Press release 9009/95 Presse 223
Council Decision of 30 September 1995 to implement the procedures laid down in Article O of the Treaty on European Union following the application for accession submitted by Latvia	30/10/1995	Press release 10922/95 Presse 299
Council Decision of 4 December 1995 to implement the procedures laid down in Article O of the Treaty on European Union following the application for accession submitted by Estonia	4/12/1995	Press release 12294/95 Presse 354

ANNEX 5

Acts adopted by the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States

	Adoption	Publication
CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNION		
Resolution of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 10 July 1995 supplementary to the resolutions of 23 June 1981, 30 June 1982 and 14 July 1986 concerning the introduction of a passport of uniform pattern	10.7.1995	OJ C 200, 4.8.1995
Decision 95/553/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 19 December 1995 regarding protection for citizens of the European Union by diplomatic and consular representations	19.12.1995	OJ L 314, 28.12.1995
INSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENTS		
Decision 95/3/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 1 January 1995 appointing members of the Commission	1.1.1995	OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
Decision 95/4/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 1 January 1995 appointing Judges and Advocates-General to the Court of Justice of the European Communities	1.1.1995	OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
Decision 95/5/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 1 January 1995 appointing the members of the Court of First Instance	1.1.1995	OJ L 1, 1.1.1995
Decision 95/8/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of 18 January 1995 appointing an Advocate-General to the Court of Justice of the European Communities	18.1.1995	OJ L 17, 25.1.1995
Decision 95/12/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 23 January 1995 appointing the President and the Members of the Commission of the European Communities	23.1.1995	OJ L 19, 27.1.1995
Decision 95/278/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 17 July 1995 appointing members of the Court of First Instance	17.7.1995	OJ L 172, 22.7.1995
Decision 95/315/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 26 July 1995 appointing a member of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities	26.7.1995	OJ L 188, 9.8.1995

	Adoption	Publication
Decision 95/387/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 13 September 1995 appointing a judge to the Court of Justice of the European Communities	13.9.1995	OJ L 233, 30.9.1995
Decision 95/579/EC, Euratom, ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Communities of 21 December 1995 appointing a member of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities	21.12.1995	OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION		
Decision 95/580/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 20 December 1995, on the conversion into grants of special loans provided for under the Second and Third Lomé Conventions	20.12.1995	OJ L 327, 30.12.1995
Decision 95/581/EC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 20 December 1995, on the provisional application of certain provisions of the internal agreement (Eighth EDF) relating to programming of the Agreement amending the Fourth ACP-EC Convention	20.12.1995	OJ L 327, 30.12.95
COMMERCIAL POLICY		
Decision 95/110/ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council of 27 March 1995 on certain measures applicable with regard to Kazakhstan concerning trade in certain steel products covered by the ECSC Treaty	27.3.1995	OJ L 80, 8.4.1995
Decision 95/130/ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 27 March 1995, concerning the import of certain steel products into the new <i>Länder</i> of the Federal Republic of Germany from the Russian Federation and Ukraine	27.3.1995	OJ L 85, 19.4.1995
Decision 95/400/ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 2 October 1995, amending Decision 95/130/ECSC concerning the import of certain steel products into the <i>Länder</i> of Germany from the Russian Federation and Ukraine	2.10.1995	OJ L 237, 6.10.1995
Decision 95/510/ECSC of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 4 December 1995 suspending Decision 93/235/ECSC with regard to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	4.12.1995	OJ L 297, 9.12.1995

ANNEX 6

Number of days spent on Council meetings and meetings of preparatory bodies

Year	Ministers	Ambassadors and ministerial delegations	Committees and working parties
	EC/EAEC/ECSC	EC/EAEC/ECSC	EC/EAEC/ECSC
1958	21	39	302
1959	21	71	325
1960	44	97	505
1961	46	108	655
1962	80	128	783
1963	63½	146½	744½
1964	102½	229½	1 002½
1965	35	105½	760½
1966	70½	112½	952½
1967	75½	134	1 233
1968	61	132	1 253
1969	69	129	1 412½
1970	81	154	1 403
1971	75½	127½	1 439
1972	73	159	2 135
1973	79½	148	1 820
1974	66	114½	1 999½
1975	67½	118	2 079½
1976	65½	108½	2 130
1977	71	122	2 108½
1978	76½	104½	2 090
1979	59	107½	2 000
1980	83	106½	2 078½
1981	83	110	1 976
1982	86	107	1 885
1983	121½	105½	1 912½
1984	133	86	1 868½
1985	118	117	1 892
1986	107	118½	1 842½
1987	123	120½	1 828
1988	117½	104	2 000½
1989	119½	100	1 932
1990	138	107	2 021½
1991	115½	145½	2 239
1992	126	133½	2 147
1993	119	115½	2 105½
1994	98	127	2 662
1995	98	112	2 364½

ANNEX 7
Council meetings in 1995

Council meetings	French Presidency	Spanish Presidency	Total
Cultural affairs	2	1	3
General affairs	9	5	14
Agriculture	5	5	10
Budget	—	2	2
Consumer affairs	1	1	2
Development	1	1	2
Education	1	1	2
Energy	1	1	2
Environment	2	2	4
Industry	1	2	3
Youth	1	—	1
Justice and home affairs	2	2	4
Internal market	1	1	2
Fisheries	2	2	4
Economic and financial questions	5	4	9
Research	2	1	3
Health	1	1	2
Telecommunications	1	1	2
Transport	2	2	4
Labour and social affairs	2	2	4
Total	42	37	79

ANNEX 8
Open Council debates in 1995

Council	Date	Item
Economic and financial questions	16.1.1995	Welcoming of new Member States and presentation of the French Presidency's programme
General affairs	23.1.1995	Presentation of the French Presidency's programme and homage to Jacques Delors
Economic and financial questions	20.2.1995	Presentation of Commission's work programme in the Ecofin sphere
Agriculture	21.2.1995	Commission proposals on the prices for agricultural products and on related measures 1995/96 — presentation by the Commission
Telecommunications	13.6.1995	Establishment of the information society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • methodology for the implementation of information society applications; • guidelines for trans-European telecommunications networks; • presentation by the Commission
Environment	23.6.1995	Proposal for a Directive concerning the ecological quality of water
Economic and financial questions	10.7.1995	Presentation of the Spanish Presidency's programme in the economic and financial sphere
General affairs	17.7.1995	Spanish Presidency's programme
Justice and home affairs	25.9.1995	Debate on judicial cooperation in the context of family law (Brussels II Convention)
Labour and social affairs	5.10.1995	Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4 to 15 September 1995)
General affairs	31.10.1995	Structured dialogue with the CEECs
Internal market	23.11.1995	'Citizens First'
Labour and social affairs	5.12.1995	Employment situation in the Union
Environment	18.12.1995	Integrated coastline management
Development	20.12.1995	Regulations concerning food aid and food security

ANNEX 9

Attendance by Presidents-in-Office of the Council at meetings of European Parliament Committees in 1995

Table I: French Presidency

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Social Affairs and Employment	Mrs Veil Minister for Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs	24 January Brussels
Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (health)	Mrs Veil Minister for Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs	24 January Brussels
Agriculture and Rural Development	Mr Jean Puech Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	24 January Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Alphandery Minister for Economic Affairs	24 January Brussels
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Lamassoure Minister with special responsibility for European Affairs	25 January Brussels
Research, Technological Development and Energy (research)	Mr Fillon Minister for Higher Education and Research	25 January Brussels
Institutional Affairs	Mr Lamassoure Minister with special responsibility for European Affairs	30 January Brussels
EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee	Mr Contenay French Ambassador in Warsaw	30 January Warsaw
Transport and Tourism	Mr Bosson Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism	31 January Brussels
Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	Mr Barnier Minister for the Environment	31 January Brussels
Culture, Youth, Education and the Media	Mr Toubon Minister for Culture and the French-speaking World and Mr Bayrou Minister for Education	1 February Brussels

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Social Affairs and Employment	Mr Giraud Minister for Labour, Employment and Vocational Training	1 February Brussels
Temporary committee on employment	Mr Giraud Minister for Labour, Employment and Vocational Training	1 February Brussels
Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	Mr Hoeffel Minister with special responsibility for Regional Planning and Local Authorities	2 February Brussels
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Juppé Minister for Foreign Affairs	20 February Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Rossi Minister for Industry, Post and Telecommunications and Trade	22 February Brussels
Research, Technological Development and Energy	Mr Rossi Minister for Industry, Post and Telecommunications and Trade	22 February Brussels
Women's Rights	Mrs Veil Minister for Social Affairs, Health and Urban Affairs	23 February Brussels
Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	Mr Mehaignerie Keeper of the Seals, Minister for Justice	2 March Brussels
Agriculture and Fisheries	Mr Jean Puech Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	21 March Brussels
Public hearing — Committee on Development and Cooperation/Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy (anti-personnel landmines)	Statement by Mr Duclos, Representing the French Presidency	22 March Brussels
Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights	Mr Lamassoure Minister with special responsibility for European Affairs	22 March Brussels
EU-Bulgaria Joint Parliamentary Committee	Mr Lennuyeux-Commene Representing the President-in-Office of the Council	6-7 April Strasbourg

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy (quarterly colloquy)	Mr Juppé Minister for Foreign Affairs	24 April Brussels
Regional Policy	Mr Hoeffel Minister with special responsibility for Regional Planning and Local Authorities	26 April Brussels
EU-Hungary Joint Parliamentary Committee	Mr Nicoulaud French Ambassador in Budapest	22, 23 and 24 May Budapest
EU-Czech Republic Joint Parliamentary Committee	Mr d'Aboville French Ambassador in Prague	29, 30 and 31 May Prague
Culture, Youth, Education and the Media	Mr Douste-Blazy Minister for Culture	12 June Strasbourg
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Barnier Minister for European Affairs	13 June Strasbourg
Development and Cooperation	Mr Godfrain Minister with special responsibility for European Affairs	20 June Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Madelin Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance	23 June Brussels

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Table II: Spanish Presidency

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (health and consumer affairs)	Mrs Amador Millán Minister for Health and Consumer Affairs	17 July Brussels
Development and Cooperation	Mr Dicenta Ballester State Secretary for International Cooperation and Latin America	17 July Brussels
Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	Mr Belloch Julbe Minister for Justice and the Interior	17 July Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Borrell Fontelles Minister for Public Works, Transport and the Environment	18 July Brussels
Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights	Mr Belloch Julbe Minister for Justice and the Interior	18 July Brussels
Research, Technological Development and Energy (energy)	Mr Eguiagaray Ucelay Minister for Industry and Energy	18 July Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy (industry)	Mr Eguiagaray Ucelay Minister for Industry and Energy	18 July Brussels
Women's Rights	Mrs Alberdi Alonso Minister for Social Affairs	19 July Brussels
Agriculture and Rural Development	Mr Atienza Serna Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	19 July Brussels
Transport and Tourism (telecommunications)	Mr Borrell Fontelles Minister for Public Works, Transport and the Environment	19 July Brussels
Social Affairs and Employment	Mr Griñán Martínez Minister for Labour and Social Security	19 July Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Solbes Mira Minister for Economic Affairs and Finance	19 July Brussels
Social Affairs and Employment	Mrs Alberdi Alonso Minister for Social Affairs	20 July Brussels

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Institutional Affairs	Mr Westendorp y Cabeza State Secretary for European Affairs Chairman of the Reflection Group	20 July Brussels
Temporary committee on employment	Mr Griñán Martínez Minister for Labour and Social Security	20 July Brussels
Research, Technological Development and Energy	Mr de Toledo State Secretary for Universities	26 July Brussels
Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Solana Madariaga Minister for Foreign Affairs	5 September Brussels
EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	5-6 September Brussels
EU-Bulgaria Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Fuentes	6-8 September Brussels
Research, Technological Development and Energy (research)	Mr Saavedra Acevedo Minister for Education and Science	6 September Brussels
Fisheries	Mr Atienza Serna Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	6 September Brussels
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Westendorp y Cabeza State Secretary for European Affairs President-in-Office of the Internal Market Council	6 September Brussels
Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	Mr Borrell Fontelles Minister for Public Works, Transport and the Environment	7 September Brussels
External Economic Relations	Mr Navarro Director-General for Institutional and Legal Cooperation	19 September Strasbourg
EU/Russia Inter-Parliamentary meeting	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	26 September Brussels
ACP-EC Joint Assembly	Mr Westendorp y Cabeza State Secretary for European Affairs	26 September Brussels
Subcommittee on Monetary Affairs	Mr Pastor Bodmer State Secretary for Economic Affairs	26 September Brussels

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Culture, Youth, Education and the Media (culture)	Mrs Alborch Bataller, Minister for Culture	26 September Brussels
Culture, Youth, Education and the Media (education)	Mr Saavedra Acevedo, Minister for Education and Science	27 September Brussels
External Economic Relations	Mr Gómez-Navarro Navarrete Minister for Trade and Tourism	27 September Brussels
Institutional Affairs	Mr Westendorp y Cabeza State Secretary for European Affairs	27 September Brussels
EU-Romania Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	15-17 October Brussels
Institutional Affairs	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	17 October Brussels
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Dezcallar Director of Political Cooperation	17 October Brussels
Budgets	Mr Martínez Robles State Secretary for Finance	23 October Strasbourg
Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	Mrs Fernández de la Vega Sanz, State Secretary for Justice President-in-office of the Council of JHA Ministers	31 October Brussels
EU-Malta Joint Parliamentary Committee	Spanish Ambassador in Valetta	1 November Brussels
EP/Lithuania Inter-Parliamentary meeting	Ambassador de Oyarzábal	19 November Vilnius
EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Garayalde	20 November Liechtenstein
Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence Policy	Mr Solana Madariaga Minister for Foreign Affairs	21 November Brussels
Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	Mrs Fernández de la Vega Sanz State Secretary for Justice President-in-office of the Council of JHA Ministers	21 November Brussels

Committee	President-in-Office of the relevant Council	Date and place
Regional Policy	Mr Zaragoza State Secretary for Town and Country Planning and Public Works	21 November Luxembourg
Social Affairs and Employment	Mr Griñán Martínez Minister for Labour and Social Security	21 November Brussels
EP/Latvia Inter-Parliamentary meeting	Ambassador Barcia	22 November Riga
EU-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	22-23 November Brussels
EU-Slovakia Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador de la Morena	22-24 November Bratislava
EP/Estonia Inter-Parliamentary meeting	Ambassador Egea Ibáñez	24 November Tallinn
Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy	Mr Conthe Gutiérrez, State Secretary for Economic Affairs	18 December Brussels
EU-Czech Republic Joint Parliamentary Committee	Ambassador Durán Lóriga	18 December Brussels
Women's Rights	Mrs Alberdi Alonso Minister for Social Affairs	19 December Brussels
Regional Policy	Mr Martínez Robles State Secretary for Finance	19 December Brussels

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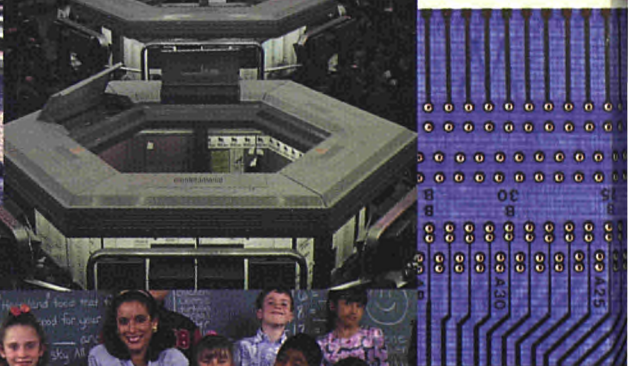
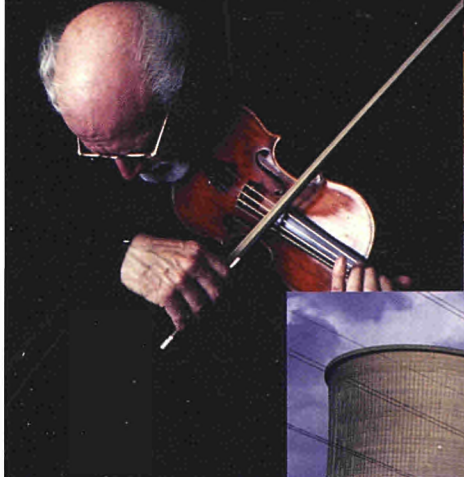
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