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(2008/C 204/07)

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Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 443rd plenary session of 12 and 13 March 2008 (meeting of 12 March), by 125 votes with 6 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.


The President
of the European Economic and Social Committee
Dimitris DIMITRIADIS

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Communication from the Commission — Trans-European networks: Towards an integrated approach

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On 21 March 2007, the European Commission decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 262 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Communication from the Commission — Trans-European networks: Towards an integrated approach

The Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, which was responsible for preparing the Committee’s work on the subject, adopted its opinion on 19 February 2008. The rapporteur was Mr Krzaklewski.

At its 443rd plenary session, held on 12 and 13 March 2008 (meeting of 13 March 2008), the European Economic and Social Committee adopted the following opinion by 64 votes with 1 abstention.

1. Conclusions and recommendations

1.1 The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) notes that an integrated approach to trans-European networks (TENs) is one way of achieving the goal of the sustainable development of the European Union.

1.2 The EESC is convinced that an integrated approach can speed up the implementation of planned trans-European networks and reduce associated construction costs, unlike an approach that does not take account of the effects of possible synergy between different kinds of network.

1.2.1 In that connection, the Committee calls on the European Commission to put forward proposals to broaden the